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THE 30TH ANNUAL CARMEL VALLEY SANTA FLY-IN DECEMBER 17 SAW Valley friends greeting Mr. and Mrs. Claus. The North Pole visitors arrived with "Skip" Marquard piloting in his third year since picking up Fly -In duties from event founder Don Collins, who piloted Santa 27 years. The C.V. Community Youth Center sponsored event included CVFD engines, antique autos, marching bands and drill teams, floats, horses, theme units and children. (*Sun* Photos)

Hearing Highlights

Coastal Commission OKs Caltrans Freeway Design

By Dick Heuer

"The roadway should lie gently on the land," Carmel Mayor Jean Grace told the Coastal Commission at it's Dec. 15 hearing. The hearing was held to decide whether Caltrans' Hatton Canyon Freeway plan is consistent with the Coastal Act. Mayor Grace presented the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea's argument that the Caltrans design is inconsistent with the Coastal Act and also contrary to the Carmel General Plan.

Joyce Stevens put it more bluntly than the mayor. The Caltrans plan "is a meat-ax solution that belongs in an urban area," she told the commissioners.

A chartered bus took a busload of Carmel area residents to the hearing in San Francisco. Your *Sun* reporter went along for the ride to capture the ambience of the occasion. He found that even the bus driver had an opinion on this issue. "Sarge," who lives in Seaside, believes "we can build highways from here to eternity, and it still won't help."

Dr. Suzanne Crowhurst Lennard, author and organizer of international conferences on *Making Cities Livable*, made the same point from a more academic perspective. She informed the Coastal Commission that "European traffic planners have realized a simple truth—the more you 'feed' the car by providing fast, wide highways, the more cars multiply." She urged Caltrans "to broaden its professional role to solving traffic problems, rather than simply promoting freeway construction."

Noel Mapstead told the Coastal Commission that Caltrans' draft Final Environmental Impact Statement has 31 violations of the National Environmental Protection Act, 20 conflicts with the Carmel Area Local Coastal Plan, and 18 conflicts with the Coastal Act.

Many speakers who opposed the Caltrans plan cited chapter and verse of alleged conflicts with the Coastal Act. On advice of legal counsel, they were putting into the hearing record information that might be needed later for legal action.

Thirty persons spoke against the Caltrans plan, seven for it.

The Coastal Commission listened (much of the time but not all of the time) and then, after relatively little questioning or discussion, voted unanimously to certify the Caltrans plan as consistent with the Coastal Act. That action moves the freeway project over a major hurdle and is expected to lead to release of the Draft Final EIS by the Federal Highway Administration in about six weeks.

Before the vote, Tom Pollock, Caltrans district director, told the Coastal Commissioners that "the solution is large because the problem is large. It won't solve all local traffic problems, but it will help many of them."

Fourth District Supervisor Sam Karas presented a resolution from the Board of Supervisors supporting the Caltrans plan. "Public safety is the crucial issue," Karas said. "We can mitigate the impact on the environment, but we cannot mitigate impact on human life." Karas asked the commission "to move forward on this urgently needed community project."

In a statement read for him in his absence, State Senator Henry Mello noted,

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Supervisor Recovering From Riding Accident

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman is gaining strength every day after her serious accident at the Santa's Fly-In parade Dec. 10. The supervisor suffered a broken back and a number of broken ribs when the horse she was preparing to ride in the parade reared and then fell backwards on top of her.

Strasser Kauffman lost a lot of blood from the many bruises and breaks, but there were no internal injuries or nerve damage. We understand that she feels very fortunate; under the circumstances, the injuries could have been much worse.

She is still very weak and in much discomfort, but she was up and walked briefly for the first time on Dec. 17. There is definitely no permanent damage. Strasser Kauffman hopes to return home from the hospital before Christmas, but this was still uncertain at press time.

It is also uncertain how soon she will be strong enough to receive phone calls or visits from her many friends and colleagues, or how long the recuperation period will be before returning to work. Strasser Kauffman is reportedly in good spirits and following events in the County through her administrative aide, Sandy Smith.

The notes and flowers from well-wishers have been overwhelming. The *Sun* has been asked to express her gratitude for this support. It helps speed her recovery to know that so many people care.

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LETTERS

Thanks for Ford Rd

I would like to give thanks to Peter Coakley, CVVIC and the Property Owner's Association of Village Green, for the cooperation and efforts of all of them in making the visibility at the bottom of Ford Road so much greater. I cross Carmel Valley Road as a pedestrian several times each week and have had a couple of "very near misses" while on the crosswalk and vehicles have come around the curve at a speed that did not permit them to see me in time.

Since the changes to the dirt bank it is now possible for a pedestrian to see several yards up Carmel Valley Road to determine if it is safe to cross and I feel that this has been a great improvement to the safety of adults and children alike in using the crosswalk.

Thanks to all of you, your efforts are appreciated.

Thelma P. Lee

Thanks For Your Support

We are happy to report to you that the Sixth Annual Foundation to Support the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District fundraiser, "Jumpin' Pumpkins" was a great success! The community participation was at its highest. Many businesses, organizations and individuals helped—and you were one of them. In order to accomplish all that had to be done it took many hands. We deeply appreciate the time and energy you spent to assist with this important event.

You will be happy to know that most of the funding we gained from this event will be provided to the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District schools in the form of a grant awards program for *the year 1989-1990. And now, we are already planning for our next year's event.*, which will be held early in the Fall of 1989. Won't you again help us in this effort? We will be contacting you in the future for your continued and loyal support.

Thank you for your hard work, and we look forward to working with you again next year.

Sylvia M. Panetta, Past-President
Chair of Fundraising Event
Margaret P. Bates, President
Foundation to Support MPUSD

Thank You Mr. Meckel

The Carmel Valley Children's Theatre wish to thank Mr. Peter Meckel and Hidden Valley Music Seminars for showing their support of our young group by hosting our holiday production, *Ebenezer Scrooge - The Untold Story*, on December 20.

The ambience of the theatre was quite conducive to the *Spirit* of the story and our enthusiasm as actors.

Ellen Saxby and cast

Can Minks Smile?

As a resident of Carmel Valley we are often reminded of our many blessings...beautiful hills, sunshine, fresh air...but now we can thank you for another...ground squirrels, thousands of them...and until you pointed it out...I had never even appreciated the joy of watching vermin "romp in the fields"...I don't know if minks can smile, but I laughed out loud!

A. Carroll

Directors Needed

The Carmel Valley Recreation & Park District has two vacancies on the Board of Directors. Persons interested in filling the two unexpired terms are asked to call Chuck McKay, 659-4502 or 625-1164, Randy Randazzo at 659-2472, or Fred Slabaugh at 659-2522.

Appointments will be made at the January 11 meeting of the board and will be effective from January 1, 1989.

EIR on Overview Project Now Available for Review

The Environmental Impact Report on the Carmel Valley Overview project to provide housing for low and moderate income seniors is now being circulated for public review. Public comments must be received by the Monterey County Planning Department by Jan. 6, 1989. Copies of the EIR are available in the Carmel Valley and Carmel Public Libraries.

The project consists of 200 rental units for low income senior citizens. It is being developed by the Monterey County Housing Authority on 350 acres donated for this purpose in 1984 by Clint Eastwood and James Garner. After completion of the project, about 250 acres will be dedicated to park area.

The proposed project will be located on a mesa in the hills on the north side of Carmel Valley Rd., west of the Del Mesa Carmel community, about one-and-a-half miles east of Route 1.

Ray Parks, architect for the project, told the *Sun* he hopes to break ground in April and have it ready for occupancy in fall 1990. However, that schedule is very tight, Parks said.

The EIR describes the impacts of the project and discusses how these may be mitigated. The County has already allocated 30 acre feet of water to the project. Sewage disposal will be through the Carmel Sanitary District. Hills and trees will nearly shield the buildings from being seen from Carmel Valley Rd.

According to the EIR, elderly residents generate about one half of the daily traffic of an average residence, and they generally avoid peak hour travel periods. The project will have a van shuttle service to shopping areas and doctors' offices.

The EIR projects an increase of 560 average daily trips on the four-lane stretch of Carmel Valley Rd. to the west of the project. This represents a 2.2 percent increase in traffic and is well within the capacity of the four-lane highway.

Traffic on Carmel Valley Rd. to the east of the project, where the road narrows to two lanes, is projected to increase by 100 average daily trips. According to the EIR, this "will not be perceivable nor cause any drop in level of service."

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MCVFD Santa Delivers Presents Christmas Eve

Santa Claus will be making deliveries to families living within the Mid Carmel Valley Fire District (Rancho San Carlos Road west to western boundaries of Garland Park).

Santa will deliver presents to children by Fire Truck on Christmas Eve, between 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

If you wish to have a present delivered, drop off the wrapped gift at the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Station any day between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on or before Friday, December 23.

Gifts should be wrapped and identified with child's name, address, and phone number. One package per child will be accepted.

For information, call 624-5907.

Supervisors Okay Five Year Road Improvement Program

A five-year program for road improvements in Monterey County was approved by the Board of Supervisors on Dec. 6.

Preparations for four-laning Carmel Valley Rd. from Via Petra to Robinson Canyon Rd. will be done during the next two years. Preliminary design and environmental review is slated for fiscal year 1988-89 at a cost of $160,000 in local funds. Final design is scheduled for 1989-90 at a cost of $306,000 with 85 percent of that coming from federal funds.

Replacement of the Esquiline Rd. bridge over the Carmel River is planned for fiscal year 1990-91 at a cost of $1,500,000, with 75 percent paid by the federal government.

A culvert on Carmel Valley Rd. near Arroyo Seco will be replaced this fiscal year at a cost of $56,700 in County funds.

A previous plan to purchase land for a maintenance yard in Carmel Valley or the vicinity was deleted from the five-year plan. One function of the maintenance yard would have been to store the gravel and other supplies now stored along Carmel Valley Rd. at the mouth of the Valley and by Garland Park. The plan was dropped owing to insufficient funds.

This year's budget for resealing existing roads has been cut in half for the second year in a row. Public Works will reseal only 65 miles of road this year instead of the normal 130 miles. Again, insufficient funds is the reason for postpoing the needed maintenance.

Schulte Rd. and Boronda Rd. bridges over the Carmel River rank third and fifth on a list of 30 County bridges to be considered for replacement if and when funds become available. Eleven other bridges in the Carmel Valley/Cachagua area are also listed as deficient. The bridges are ranked according to a "federal deficiency rating."

Road projects to be considered if funds become available include reconstruction of Rio Rd. between Highway 1 and Atherton Dr.; reconstruct and realign Carpenter St. at Serra Ave.; reconstruct Arroyo Seco Rd. from Carmel Valley Rd. to Bridge No. 326; and remove a slide on Carmel Valley Rd. at milepost 28.9. These projects are not ranked by priority.

Supervisors Reject Appeal Of Service Center Approval

The Board of Supervisors has upheld the Planning Commission's approval of Bill Parham's application for a service center off Carmel Valley Rd. near the Village library and Tularcitos School. In a hearing on Dec. 6, the supervisors rejected Randy Randazzo's appeal that an environmental impact report should have been prepared prior to approval.

Randazzo told the supervisors, "We need service centers, but we don't need them in that location." He presented a petition with names of over 200 people opposed to the service center. "These are people who have to travel that road every day," Randazzo said.

Randazzo was particularly concerned about a concentration of heavy equipment entering and exiting Carmel Valley Rd. at a location with limited sight distance. Other concerns have been expressed about noise, air pollution and hazardous waste near the school, library and park.

Richard Rosenthal agreed with the contention that all the vehicles that will use the service center already exist in the Village. He told the supervisors, however, that "there has been no analysis of the impact of concentrating these vehicles in one place on the road, and this needs to be studied in an EIR."

Tom Carpenter observed that "the only substantial evidence I would need that there is already a traffic problem at this location would be the skid marks and blood stains on Carmel Valley Rd."

Speaking in support of the project, Parham's attorney, Anthony Lombardo, observed that "any impacts from the service center can be completely mitigated by adherence to County standards." Sight distance along the road is 357 feet eastbound and 458 feet westbound, and that is well within permissible limits, Lombardo explained.

Proponents of the project also submitted a petition with over 100 signatures.

Susan Augustitus, a member of the board of directors of Tularcitos Parents Club, told the supervisors "she sees no hazard to our children posed by the service center."

Linda Ocampo, who runs a pre-school next to Murphy's lumber yard, said she has had no noise or other problems from her location next to a service area.

Elaine and Mark Schlegel wrote to the board that they "prefer to have hazardous materials in one supervised location rather than spread throughout the Village," as is now the case.

Gene Erner wrote that "approval might encourage development of service centers in other areas of the Valley where they are sorely needed."

In leading the board to unanimous support for the service center project, Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman made a lengthy statement of her views.

"Traffic is undoubtedly the biggest issue," the supervisor said, "but all these problems are already there. That traffic is already there going back and forth through the Village."

"Hazardous waste is not an issue; it has been made an issue. We're talking about oil and gasoline and paint thinner that is already sitting around in everyone's garage. The flyer circulated in the community on this subject is deceptive, intended to stir false emotionalism," Strasser Kauffman explained.

"We have an opportunity to begin to address a long-standing controversy. That controversy is not the Parham project, but the illegal operation of service businesses out of residential areas. We have had a severe, long-standing problem. Mr. Parham is the only one who has come forward with a decent proposal. He has met the criteria in the master plan. His service center won't meet all the needs, but it is a good start."

The supervisor observed that "All the service centers will be controversial. Future ones may be even more controversial, as they will probably be located in residential areas. *This site is zoned for* commercial use and is an appropriate site."

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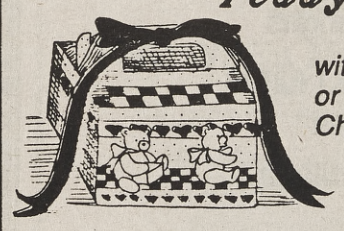

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THEFTS, ATTEMPTED THEFTS, AND THEFTS PERHAPS

ALBERTSON'S. Head clerk reports two subjects in custody for petty theft. Items taken not listed nor was nay value given. 12/1.

CARMEL VALLEY VILLAGE. Anonymous report of open/unlocked door at Village House. No other details. 12/4.

MID VALLEY SAFEWAY. Panetta Road woman reports losing her wallet at Mid Valley Safeway. Wallet recovered with some money in it and placed in safe at Safeway. When woman obtained wallet, all money was gone. No amount stated. 12/5.

THE BARNYARD. Owner of Pablo's Mexican Seafood reports a burglary of restaurant office. Nothing taken. *(A burglary, but nothing taken? How can that be?)* 12/6.

BORONDA RD. Resident reports that her car battery was stolen while car was parked at her residence. Happened during hours of darkness. No value given. 12/7.

CARMEL RANCHO CTR. Carmel woman reports the theft of her purse while she was at the Good Will trailer. Contents not listed; value not stated. 12/9.

CARMEL RANCHO BLVD. Man reports five 14' trees stolen from Greener-N-Ever in Brinton's area parking lot. Theft occurred during hours of darkness on Friday night. *(Someone's going to have a major Christmas celebration!)* 12/10.

TIERRA GRANDE. Resident reports theft of some of his mail. 12/10.

THE CROSSROADS. Pacific Grove man reports his pick-up vandalized and a sweater taken from it while vehicle parked in front of Rio Grill. Extent of damage or value of sweater not stated. 12/10.

ON LOVING THY NEIGHBOR

GREAT SCOTT PIZZA. Owner reports woman in store very depressed. Subject voluntarily went to CHOMP. 12/2.

DEL MESA CARMEL. Monterey Center reports a disconnected 911 call from unit in Del Mesa. Residence found secure; no one home. 12/3.

VILLAGE DR. Resident reports that an Esquiline Road woman attempted to run him down with her car. Subject claims she was trying to drive around him because he was walking across the street too slowly. *(Solomon's wisdom needed here!)* 12/3.

CARMEL VALLEY RD. Patrol observation of Pacific Grove man littering on the Valley road. *(Litterbugs are NOT welcome in Carmel Valley!)* 12/4.

PALO CORONA RANCH. Resident reports two bicycle trespassers on his land. 12/4.

LAMBERT FLATS. Resident reports three men driving on private property on Lambert Flats. 12/4.

CARMEL VALLEY INN. Bartender reports she received a threatening phone call. No other details. 12/5.

VAL VERDE RD. Resident reports having a problem with a vehicle being stored on her property. *(What kind of a problem did the stored vehicle cause?)* 12/6.

CARMEL VALLEY RD. Cachagua man reports having been kicked repeatedly at a CV Rd beer bash. Complainant is now a patient in Natividad Hospital and has a collapsed lung. Event occurred last Saturday. 12/6.

CARMEL VALLEY RD. Caretaker at Temple Beth El requests assistance in removing an occupied, suspicious vehicle from property. Contacted woman in a yellow Volvo who left upon request. 12/6.

RIVER RD. Resident reports local man did not have permission to drive complainant's car. Subject took it without permission and damaged it. *(Where did he get the key?)* 12/6.

RIPPLING RIVER CTR. Carmel woman reports a subject at Rippling River was yelling at her. 12/8.

CACHAGUA RD. Resident reports he received some threats to his property back around November 1. 12/9.

LOS LAURELES GRADE. Resident reports his neighbor threatened him again. 12/10.

FORD RD. Resident reports one of his tenants was slamming doors to his apartment. Subject contacted - agreed to go to bed. 12/12.

THE YOUNGER DEGENERATION

E. CARMEL VALLEY RD. Sheriff's deputies assisted ABC in closing a juvenile beer party. Results: three citations and six kegs. 12/3.

CHECK AND DOUBLE CHECK

LONG'S DRUGS. Accountant reports having two checks, marked Account Closed, returned from bank. No amounts given. 12/6.

ONE - OR MORE - TOO MANY

HIWAY 68 & HIGHWAY 1. Carmel Valley woman stopped for driving under the influence; turned over to CHP. 12/10.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

CARMEL VALLEY RD. Resident reports her 13-year-old son uncontrollable. 12/6.

CACHAGUA RD. Resident reports being battered by her daughter. 12/7.

EAST GARZAS RD. Resident reports argument between herself and her son. 12/11.

FOR BETTER...OR WORSE

ESQUILINE RD. De El Rio man reports domestic disturbance on Esquiline Rd. Contacted couple, both of whom said it was strictly verbal. Wife cited on misdemeanor warrant. 12/4.

FORD RD. Resident called from local inn to advise that his wife and he had been quarreling. She demanded he stop the car and let her out, which he did. Wife found okay, but refused a ride home. Wife later killed in vehicle/pedestrian accident in CV Village area. 12/5.

CITIZEN ALERT!

RIO RD. Carmel Valley woman called from Arco Station to report possible child abuse in progress in parking lot in front of Cancun's. No further information. 12/6.

LOST, FOUND, ABANDONED

CARMEL RANCHO BLVD. Skyline Forest woman reports losing her checkbook-size wallet in Brinton's. Wallet contained $225, two credit cards, and ID. 12/7.

THE CROSSROADS. Monterey Peninsula Mobile Security report a purse found at Chutney's Gourmet Cafe. No description of purse or its contents. 12/9.

GOING TO THE DOGS

FORD RD. Resident reports pit bull running at large in her yard. 12/4.

PRADERA WAY. Resident reports someone entered her house, unleashed her dog and let it out of the house. No sign of force, nothing taken, dog came home. *(Could the dog possibly have opened the door itself...oh, no, it couldn't be. Or could it?)* 12/5.

HACIENDA PL. Resident reports being bitten on the back of the leg by a black dog in the neighborhood. 12/7.

HACIENDA PL. Resident reports her neighbor threw a rock at her dog. *(Is her dog black, perchance?)* 12/8.

VANDALISM

CARMEL VALLEY VILLAGE. Via Milpitas woman reports the side window of her '77 Ford Bronco broken out while it was parked at Beacon Station. White male suspected. 12/10.

THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT

FORD RD. Resident reports someone rang doorbell, but was gone before she answered the door. 12/2.

SPCA Adoptions' Delayed at Yule

SPCA of Monterey County will delay final adoptions of pets between Dec. 21 and 26, until the morning of Dec. 27. Adoption starts and processing will not stop—only the actual delivery of pets to new families.

"We have found that holiday stress and activities result in new pets being ignored and/or frightened by all the commotion, rather than being greeted with extra attention to the pets needs during the first critical days of acclimation," Jim Bennett, SPCA community relations director states.

"We certainly don't want to discourage adoptions, in fact we urge families with a place for pets to call the shelter at 373-2631," he said.

Santa's Workshop Appears on Tube

Santa's Workshop is being presented again this year by the County Office of Education and Mission Trails Regional Occupation Program.

The commercial-free program features Santa and Mrs. Claus meeting with children from throughout Monterey County.

Cablecasts are 4:30 p.m. through Dec. 23 on MCOE Cable Channel 21, with a broadcast at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 24 on Channel 35 (Cable 22).

YMCA Co-ed Youth Basketball Signups

YMCA Youth Basketball League registration deadline is Dec. 30 for the Peninsula league program.

The co-ed program is open to boys and girls, grade 3 through 8, with registration at the YMCA, 600 El Camino El Estero, Monterey, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Telephone 373-4167 for registration form.

League Play begins Jan. 7 at the YMCA.

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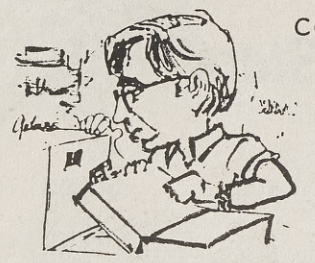

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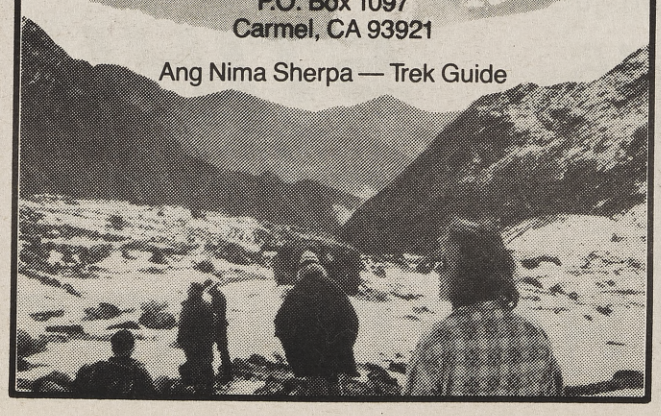

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Coastal Commission Oks Freeway

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"There has been considerable discussion regarding an at-grade intersection at Rio Rd. It is my understanding that both state and federal agencies have rejected this design alternative due to the safety hazards that would be incurred by inadequate stopping distance."

Coastal Commission staff told the commissioners that the decision on certification of the Caltrans plan was a "close call." Coastal planner Rick Hyman noted, "The bottom line is whether this area needs a limited access freeway or whether an at-grade intersection at Rio Rd. will work. Data provided by Caltrans has convinced us that an at-grade intersection won't work. Therefore, we have to accept some environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated. In our stipulations for the consistency certification, we have tried to lessen these."

Several new ideas not previously evaluated in Caltrans or Coastal Commission reports were presented at the hearing. Joyce Stevens, Michael Troian and Rod Mills all submitted alternative designs for the Carmel Valley Rd. interchange. All aimed at eliminating the traffic light for the anticipated 85 percent of southbound traffic that will turn left on Carmel Valley Rd.

Roger Larson presented documentation on the cost and engineering feasibility of a 1,000 foot tunnel at the north end of the project. The tunnel would protect the pine forest and greatly reduce the height and scope of the interchange at Carpenter St.

Troian also suggested an underpass rather than overpass at Rio Rd. This could be done with a "boat section" (trench) rather than a tunnel, according to Troian. Caltrans had previously rejected a tunnel because of potential flooding. In discussion after the meeting, Caltrans District Director Pollock told the *Sun* that a "boat section" may be feasible at considerable additional cost.

Particularly noteworthy was the absence of references to widening the existing Highway 1. Discussion of alternatives focused on using the Hatton Canyon route, but doing it with fewer environmental impacts and in a manner that better serves local traffic needs.

After the meeting, opponents of the Caltrans plan were outspokenly critical of the commissioners. Mayor Grace said, "The commissioners need a lesson in common courtesy. They talked into the microphone, walked around, joked and laughed while people were giving their testimony."

Linda Anderson described Coastal Commission Chairman Michael Wornum, in particular, as "rude and arrogant." Anderson said, "He did not give the people testifying the courtesy of looking at them or listening."

Phil Foss reported that Wornum was overheard, before the hearing, saying "We can't start until the crazies from Monterey get here."

Rod Mills commented that "There was a lot of very serious testimony. I would have thought it would have generated more response in the form of questions by the commissioners." Stevens, too, was "disappointed at the lack of serious questions and horrified by lack of concern about obvious conflicts with the Coastal Act."

Anderson blames the decision on Commissioner Robert Franco, who is also Mayor of Del Rey Oaks and the commissioner who knows the area best. "They didn't take the time to understand the problem. They simply deferred to the local commissioner. It was all up to Franco," Anderson averred.

Mayor Grace also criticized the "hastiness" of the decision. "They needed a lot more time to discuss it," Grace said.

Chairman Wornum had cut the discussion short to close the hearing. Immediately after doing so, he reminded the commissioners of the 6 p.m. cocktail party at his home in Marin. By cutting off discussion, he had ensured they would not be late.

Apparently almost NO ONE thought it had been a good day—not even Caltrans District Director Pollock. Fresh from a 11-0 victory for the Caltrans design, a dejected-looking Pollock volunteered: "No, I'm not happy. I wish our plan didn't have all those impacts." That's one point everyone can agree on!

DIANNE BOHLMAN of Carmel Valley and Eric Pinchin of Big Sur were high winners in the Fifth Annual MPC photography competition. Bohlman scored with second place in black and white photos, while Pinchin took first place in color competition. Entrants' photos will be on exhibit at the Photographic Center in Sunset Center through Jan. 1.

New Ordinances Take Effect Jan. 1

'89 Burn Season Starting March 1

Backyard burn season will not start in Carmel Valley January 1, for the first time in history. The 1988 Backyard Burn Season is scheduled to begin March 1, extending through May 31.

Mid Valley Fire Protection District will be mailing a letter to residents this week for receipt before Jan. 1. Carmel Valley Fire Protection District will be sending a letter to all residents during January. Both will outline provisions and conditions under the new ordinances.

The change is due to last summer's change in burn ordinances following prolonged efforts to achieve a total burn ban. The new ordinances represent a compromise to prevent atotal ban, with ban proponents focusing upon health issues.

Carmel Valley and Mid Valley Districts' new ordinances are identical, with consistent management and enforcement with the entire Valley burning under the same restrictions and conditions.

Burn permits will be available beginning March 1, granted the season may be affected by continued drought conditions. Only ten burns per day per fire district will be allowed under optimum conditions.

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Back in the 1940's, my mother was left to raise my brother Stan, sister Alice and myself on a farm outside of Springfield, Mo. Together with her mother, Mamie Stewart, she decided to stick it out for the long pull. In 1946, however, life continued to be hard and a helping hand from family in California suggested that life might be better on the Monterey Peninsula.

So Mom packed up us kids and her mother and came to California. If you are old enough to remember the era of hard work, you will know that wasn't easy.

Mom started work at the Purity Grocery Store in Carmel, near the park. Sister Alice did the house cleaning and cooking for the family after school. Brother Stan and myself worked after school and weekends at various Purity Grocery stores around the Peninsula. How many of you remember those Purity stores, with their half-round buildings painted red and white?

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Carmel Council Opposes Caltrans' Freeway Design

The Carmel City Council supports the concept of a roadway through Hatton Canyon but is opposed to the freeway as designed by Caltrans. The following letter was submitted by Carmel Mayor Jean Grace to the California Coastal Commission at its Dec. 15 hearing on the freeway.

"Carmel-by-the-Sea...City Council has twice in the past two months unanimously voted against the present configuration of the Hatton Canyon Freeway Project and its certification. While the City Council has determined that the *concept* of a Hatton Canyon Project is supported by the City's General Plan, the specific design before you today for certification does not meet our General Plan Policy P2-28 which states that our support shall be based on a design which is 'aesthetically compatible with Carmel's natural setting (and) with minimal environmental impact....'

"Significant Impacts...

"The City Council finds the proposed project in conflict with Coastal Act Section 30250(a) since the project,'individually or cumulatively,' would have significant adverse impacts on coastal resources. Three environmentally sensitive habitats are proposed for destruction. Also, the very scarce resource of water for the Monterey Peninsula has not even been addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement, by Caltrans or by the County of Monterey.

"Beginning 1 January 1989, the Monterey Peninsula will be subject to water rationing. Nowhere has there been a discussion of the impacts caused by the amount of water needed for this project, either during construction (for compaction, dust control and cement mixing) or, after completion, for the reestablishment of the seventy acres of new environmentally sensitive areas. A rough calculation by the City (in consultation with the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District) estimates that the reestablishment of the environmentally sensitive areas alone will take 77 acre-feet of water per year. This subject appears to have been specifically omitted from the EIS review. Is this water to come from the County of Monterey's water allocation which is already assigned to existing and proposed developments?

...Not Addressed"

"The City Council finds the proposed project in conflict with Section 30253(5) of the Coastal Act which stipulates that 'new development shall...protect special communities and neighborhoods which, because of their unique characteristics, are popular visitor destination points for recreational users.' If any community qualifies under Section 30253(5) as a 'special community' with 'unique characteristics' it surely is Carmel-by-the-Sea. And yet, the impacts on our community if this project proceeds have not been addressed.

"This project would create a megastructure at the gateway to our community. Carmel-by-the-Sea is known worldwide for its pedestrian ambience and village character. The Carpenter Street interchange would require an 80-foot cut and the construction of two overpasses approximately 50 feet high over the new intersection. This Los Angeles-style interchange would be totally out of scale with a community that has no stop lights, average street widths of 35 feet, and no structure taller than two stories.

"The staff report... points out the need for the proposal to accommodate a transition between the freeway north of Carpenter Street and the rural scenic highway south. The proposal would effect this transition at the Carmel River. In order to protect the special community of Carmel-by-the-Sea and the resources of the coast south of our community, this transition should begin at the Carpenter Street interchange.

"Caltrans' position has been that *it* is solely responsible for the freeway. The results of that position can be found on page 20 of your staff report which states: 'The proposed project will not completely alleviate traffic congestion at Carmel Valley Road and Carmel Rancho intersection (predicted to remain at level of service F), unless and until Rio Road, outside of the Coastal Zone, is extended by Monterey County...'

"Monterey County does not have the funds to extend Rio Road. Thus, a proposed $30 million is to be spent on a freeway which does not resolve the traffic issues on the highway tributaries exiting this major freeway artery.

"Spider Web" Interchange

"The Carmel Valley/Highway One interchange is designed as a single-point diamond interchange; this is a virtual spider web. All the traffic turning at the intersection would have to travel through a single, three—phase traffic signal. Most of the traffic passing through this interchange will be traveling to and from Carmel Valley. Yet the intersection is designed for an equal number of trips from all directions. This sophisticated freeway design interchange is not justified for the relatively small number of trips destined for the coast route southward....

"As I previously mentioned, the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea supports a project through Hatton Canyon. However, the City Council finds the proposed plan reflects a typical freeway design built to typical freeway standards, a distressing situation considering that this freeway will pass through some of the most beautiful native stands of Monterey pine, chaparral, and riparian vegetation along the California coast. This raises our concern.

"We respectfully request the Commission to reject this application for certification and ask Caltrans to go back to the drawing board to develop a plan which meets the spirit and intent of the California Coastal Act, the General Plan of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, and the concerns of Carmel area residents and visitors.

"This roadway should lie gentle on the land."

Sincerely,
Jean Grace, Mayor

Federal Agency Wants Look At Alternatives to Canyon Route

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service opposes construction of a freeway in Hatton Canyon, according to a Dec. 12 letter to the California Coastal Commission. The letter advises the commission that "your staff report incorrectly suggests that the Service has approved Caltrans' proposed project."

"Because alternatives exist to the proposed alignment of Highway 1 through Hatton Canyon, Caltrans has not demonstrated that impacts to riparian habitat have been avoided to the maximum extent possible," the letter states.

The floor of Hatton Canyon is defined as a wetland habitat. There are areas where the soil is saturated year round. Even during this drought year, springs were running in the canyon all summer. Wetlands are the most scarce type of natural habitat, and both the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and California State Department of Fish & Game are charged by law with protecting them.

Federal environmental law requires the identification and study of feasible alternatives to a proposed project, and then the selection of the alternative that is "least damaging to the environment."

The letter indicates that Fish & Wildlife Service will oppose granting a permit for the Hatton Canyon project. Such opposition can be overcome if Caltrans demonstrates that all alternatives to the Hatton Canyon route are "unfeasible." The definition of what is "feasible" and "unfeasible" is often the subject of lengthy negotiations, studies, hearings, and legal action. Last year, Fish and Wildlife Service and the Environmental Protection Agency rejected the environmental impact statement for a new dam on the Carmel River on the gounds that all feasible alternatives were not properly studied.

The Dec. 12 letter states: "Under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the Service will be advising the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers when Caltrans applies for a Corps permit. When responding to the Corps regarding proposed projects in wetlands, the Service generally recommends against issuance of a Corps permit when the project is not water dependent. Caltrans' proposed project through Hatton Canyon would impact about 13 acres of riparian wetland habitat and is not a water dependent project...."

"The Service cannot support the Caltrans Hatton Canyon alternative for the following reasons: 1) construction of the project would result in the loss of substantial acreage of wetland habitat that the Service is charged to protect; 2) the project is not water dependent and, therefore, is inappropriately sited in wetlands; and 3) by choosing the most damaging alternative, the applicant has not demonstrated an attempt to avoid wetland impacts."

Chomp Blood Center Needs Holiday Donors

Unavoidable cancellation of a major scheduled blood drive has left Community Hospital's Blood Center 120 units short of anticipated blood supply.

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Donations are needed at the hospital Blood Center to meet expected holiday demand. Margo Dunham, Blood Center manager reports, "Blood is still needed for transfusion, particularly with the seasonal increase in traffic injuries. The healthy, risk-free donor is needed more than ever."

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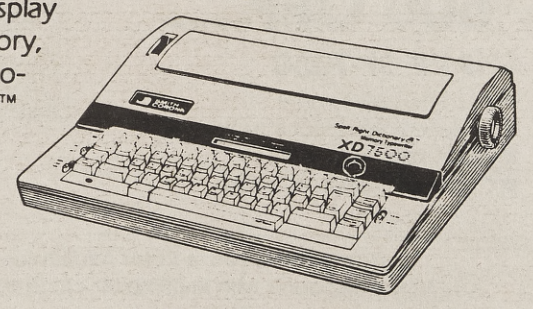

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MPC Students Succeed At Four-Year Colleges

By Dick Heuer

The purpose of a Dec. 8 reception at the Pine Inn in Carmel was to introduce David Hopkins, the new president of Monterey Peninsula College, to the community. Even more impressive than President Hopkins, though, was the information he provided about MPC.

We learned things about MPC we had never heard before, things that are important to anyone planning for college.

About 40 percent of all students who graduate from the University of California or the California State University systems first attended one of the state's community colleges. Students who attend MPC before transferring to these four-year institutions are usually able to progress faster than those who don't. This is because they are able to get the required courses they need at MPC, while the required courses are often over-enrolled at the state universities and colleges.

MPC students are successful when they transfer to other campuses. At the 19 California State University campuses, students who transferred there from MPC achieved a 2.66 grade point average in their first semester. The average for all students at these campuses was 2.64.

At the University of California campuses, MPC students achieved a 2.98 grade point average, while transfers from all other community colleges earned a 2.82 grade point average.

It costs a full-time student living at home about $1,800 to attend MPC for one year. For students paying room and board at other campuses, it costs $6,289 to $7,174 in the California State University system and $7,819 to $7,921 at a University of California campus.

About 45 percent of local high school graduates going on to higher education start at MPC. Our local community college now has 9,000 students with an average age of 28. Some 55 percent are taking day classes, 45 percent night classes.

One out of every 15 adult Californians enrolls in a community college every year. California community colleges are now the largest system of higher education in the nation, educating more than 1,000,000 students annually. The system has 106 colleges, employes 60,000 people, and has an annual budget of nearly $2 billion!

Our apologies to new MPC President David Hopkins for giving him second billing in this story. It seemed more important to talk first about the college, and Hopkins struck us as the kind of person who would want it that way.

David Hopkins progressed up through the ranks during 25 years on the MPC staff. He started in 1963 as a classroom instructor at MPC, became Chair of the Business Division, Director of Vocational Education, Dean of Instruction, and now Superintendent/President.

Hopkins sees "some light at the end of the tunnel for state funding of community colleges." Special state support has recently been allocated for badly needed instructional materials and deferred maintenance of buildings and grounds.

Another positive sign, according to Hopkins, is the state assembly's recent passage of AB 1725, the Community College Reform Bill. Hopkins described this as "possibly the most important legislation in the history of California community colleges."

AB 1725 will change the core curriculum to facilitate transfer to four-year colleges; change the credential and tenure systems; set up a new, program-based funding approach; and provide funding for these changes.

C.V. Woman's Club Luncheon Is Jan. 4

Inar Sigurthson will discuss activities and services of the Alliance on Aging during Jan. 4's luncheon meeting of Carmel Valley Woman's Club at Los Laureles Lodge.

Hospitality hours starts at 11:30 a.m., with lunch beginning at 12:30 p.m. For information, telephone 659-5449 or 624-6843.

What's Blooming?

By Marilyn Raynes

These lovely blue Morning Glories are growing on a fence in front of Tom Ewen's new woodworking showroom on Delfino Place in the Village. The scientific name is *Ipomoea*. The leaves are heart-shaped and these flowers are single and funnel shaped. Others may be double and even bell-shaped, and come in shades of lavender, pink red and white as well as blue. Most open only in the morning, fade in the afternoon. They will bloom until there is a killing frost.

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There are ten third place winners who each receive $500 scholarships and 25 more entrants are each given $100 cash awards.

Everyone who enters receives a Designer Athletic Bag just for being part of the competition. Teachers of the top winners receive computers or other special gifts.

First and second place winners, accompanied by parents and teachers, attend an Awards Luncheon in Seattle in April, held in conjunction with the 37th National Convention of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA).

To enter, students make a device which runs on any one or a combination of batteries - AAA, AA, D, C, 9-volt or lantern size - and submit a brief description and a photo of it by February 1, 1989.

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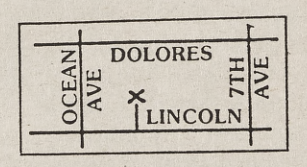

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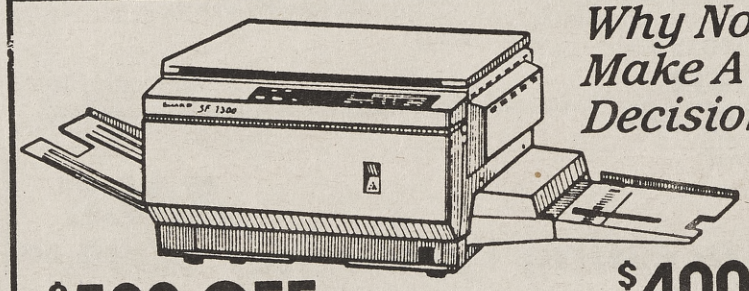

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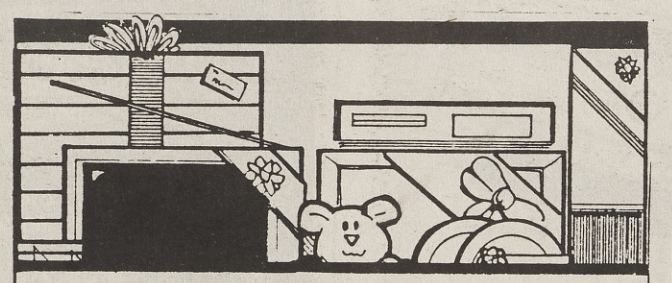

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Cal-American Water Co. Buys Water West System

California-American Water Co. will buy the Water West Corp. system that delivers water to 422 connections in the area west of Carmel Valley Village, according to an announcement by Larry Foy, Cal-Am manager.

Water West's Rancho Del Monte system covers 1,000 acres between Laurel Dr. and Phelps Way on both sides of Carmel Valley Rd. It is surrounded by Cal-Am's present service area.

At least initially, it will be operated as a separate unit within the Cal-Am system. The impact on water rates for its 422 customers is not yet known, Foy told the *Sun*. Water West's rates are currently about 10 percent lower than Cal-Am's.

The Water West system has four wells with an annual production capacity of 500 acre-feet, 59,400 feet of pipe and six storage tanks with a total capacity of 275,000 gallons. The system needs some maintenance and capital improvements, according to Foy.

Water West Corp. as a whole was purchased by California Water Service Co. of Salinas earlier this year. The system now being taken over by Cal-Am is only one of four Water West systems.

THE TENTH ANNUAL CARMEL VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE YULE party at Valley Lodge with Peter and Sherry Coakley again hosting the event in the Lodge's conference center drew a packed house the evening of Dec. 16. Sharing the evening were Tim and Glory Condon, Coakley and 1988 Chamber President Paul Brocchini. (*Sun* Photo)

Baldarelli Wins Water Miser Award

Mona and Lee Baldarelli, of 390 W. Carmel Valley Rd., won the Water Management District's Water Miser of the Month award for November. A certificate from the Water Miser Club was presented to them at the Dec. 12 Water Board meeting.

The Water Miser Club is sponsored by the water district to recognize those who achieve significant water savings.

Mr. and Mrs. Baldarelli reduced their water use by 55 percent as compared with the same billing period last year. The savings were achieved by installing ultra-low flush toilets and a drip irrigation system, using less water for washing dishes and showers, and "drinking lots of bottled water," according to Lee Baldarelli. The couple now uses a total of 107 gallons per day.

You can join the Water Miser Club by demonstrating significant water savings. Send copies of your water bills to MWPMD, P.O. Box 85, Monterey, CA 93942, Attn: Water Miser Club.

Brief Free Parking At S.J. Airport

A half-hour of free parking in the Hourly Parking lot is being provided by San Jose Airport Dec. 23 through Jan. 2.

The free parking offer was first introduced by the airport at Thanksgiving as a service to patrons and to help reduce congestion in front of the terminal.

Busiest times for the holiday are expected to again be Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Jan. 2.

Airport spokespersons urge travelers to reconfirm reservations 24 hours in advance of departure, arrive at least one hour before your scheduled flight departure, use Skycap service in front of the terminal to check luggage, pack wrapped packages inside checked luggage and do not pack items you may need immediately upon arrival at your destination.

(Wrapped packages as carry-on luggage may require unwrapping at security checkpoints.)

Water Supply Status Report

Rainfall at San Clemente Dam during November was 1.42 inches. This is 66 percent of the 2.14 inches recorded during an average November, according to a water supply status report prepared by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. December rainfall so far has been far below normal.

Total flow into the San Clemente Reservoir since Oct.1, 1987, over a year ago, has been 11,196 acre-feet. This is only 16 percent of the normal inflow expected during this period.

As of Dec. 1, usable water storage in our water supply system was 16,950 acre feet, which is 50 percent of capacity. This is enough to meet more than 90 percent of water demand for one year. However, using all of that amount, with no new inflow, would leave zero reserve in case the following year is also dry.

Water stored in San Clemente and Los Padres Reservoirs was 691 acre-feet, or 27 percent of their very small capacity. The Upper Carmel Valley aquifer was essentially full at 6,500 acre-feet. The Lower Carmel Valley aquifer (below Scarlett Rd.) was at 36 percent capacity with 7,272 acre-feet of usable storage. The Seaside Coastal aquifer held 2,487 acre-feet, or 53 percent of capacity.

Ground water levels in the Lower Carmel Valley aquifer are 40 feet below normal for this time of year, the lowest in history. This aquifer is now the major production unit in the water supply system. Pursuant to an agreement with the State Department of Fish & Game, California-American Water Co. pumps water from the Upper Carmel Valley aquifer only when insufficient water is available from other sources.

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Valley People

By Grace Darcy

Christmas is bursting out all over Carmel Valley! The beautiful tree on the hillside near Mid Valley is there again this year, the continuing gift of the MID CARMEL VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT ... SANDY and STEW CLOUGH are again displaying the lovely Nativity scene next to STEW'S PLUMBING on Esquiline Road ... and the houses near STEW'S are blossoming with Christmas lights and festive decorations ... JIM and PAULETTE CORSO'S tree high on a hill in Hitchcock Canyon graces that area. Thanks to these folks and all who have taken the time to make Christmas a happy occasion.

Happy Birthday to GEORGENE JONES (December 15) and JON DONAHUE (December 12) ... and congratulations to ADRIENNE and PETER MECKEL who celebrate their wedding anniversary this month.

This is the time of the year for introspection and retrospection. We celebrate the lives of those who no longer walk in our midst - BILL PENNEY, WARREN ROBBINS, CIAO KRAMER, MARY SIGOURNEY, MARY JO WALD, JIM KOHNKE, JOHN WOOLFENDEN, and all of the others who made our lives so much brighter, better.

We give thanks and praise for the small ones who arrived this year - MELISSA OLIVIER-BUCHE, DREW CARLSON, ALEXIS STEWART-BAKER, MARY LORRAINE EASTMAN, ZACHARY JEROME EFFRON, KEITH MALLETT, VICTORIA COLTON, ANDREW CALL, TAJA CARINA CANTLON, and ZACHARY PARKES ... may their lives be filled with joy!

We look behind at a year that has been a mixed blessing - with disasters like the earthquake in Soviet Armenia, the continuing tragedy in the Middle East, the Santa Ana fires in Southern California, the train disaster in London, and the many individual losses and tragedies that are a part of life and living.

We look forward to a 1989 that we believe will be better than 1988 ... nationally, there is a new president. International relationships appear improved, thanks largely to the persistent efforts of the USSR'S charismatic leader, MIKAIL GORBACHEV. We've learned new words and phrases like Glasnost, Perestroika, and "Read My Lips."

We step into the 365 unwritten pages of that book in time called *1989* with confidence and apprehension, hope for a better future, despair that we have not yet learned to live in harmony with each other and with our planet. We are filled with the illusion that the best efforts of our species are yet to come, but we are disillusioned that humankind has not yet developed sufficiently to understand that we all are one.

Women are pleased at the accomplishments of many of their sisters in politics, peace, and the marketplace, the doers and shakers like EDITH ALT, KARIN STRASSER KAUFFMAN, BARBARA SHIPNUCK, ROSEMARY MATSON, MAY WALDROUP, JACQUELINE SMITH, NANCY COSTELLO, HELEN McCAIG, CATHERINE WHITNEY, SUE PARRIS, ELIZABETH FIELD, J.T. MASON, RIANE EISLER, RITA SEGER and so many, many more. But women are angered and discouraged that their sisters are still being battered, raped, are without equal pay or equal credit opportunities or even equal job opportunities.

Men of good will like FRED JEALOUS, STEVEN DONAHUE, DAVID EDWARDS, BILL KELLY, RICHARD COHEN, MARK TIMOTHY, JOHN McCAULEY, CHUCK McKAY, BOB SEGER and others are encouraged that neither they nor their sons seem in any immediate danger of having to go to war, that male/female relationships in the political arena, the marketplace, and at home, although far from acceptable, are perhaps slightly better than they were. These men are discouraged, too, because the wheels of progress in every direction grind so slowly.

The children. What about the children? What have they to look forward to? A new year is usually no different from any other year, as far as children are concerned, except that they are one year further along in school, more experienced in whatever games they play, a bit more persistent in pulling away from parental care and supervision. Children like ANGEL CABRAL, GINA PENNINGTON, JESSE LISK, TIANNA TIMOTHY, NOAH BARISH, LANCE LIBBY, TIFFANY WAINWRIGHT, NICK LEONOFF, CODY PENNINGTON, JILLIANE DONAHUE, and so many more fill our hearts with faith in the future and help us reaffirm our resolve to make that future a better one for children everywhere.

Then there are the artists - VIRGINIA FORD, STEVEN TOSH, SEAN FOLSOM, PAT DUVAL, JULIE and MAURICE HARVEY, ETHEL COSTAGLIOLA, RON BEAM, GALE BARISH, JOYCE JENKINS, MARY GUILFORD, ANNE FOREMAN, OVIDIU COATU, RODGER WEEKS, MARGARET BONNINGTON - how they brighten our days!

Let's not forget the animals, those furry and feathered ones of all sizes and shapes who brighten our days and comfort us when we are lonely. How many more will we allow to become "endangered"? Blessings to those who care so much for the animals - GWEN MAY, DORIS DAY, EVELYN NOLT, PHILIPPA HASTINGS, VICTORIA RUGG, GERALD PETKUS, NORM and BARBARA GEIS and, thank God, so many others.

Let's never forget the elderly or the handicapped or the homeless as we say our Christmas litanies. Focus your most loving thoughts on those who are disturbed, forgotten, abandoned, abused, lonely. They are one with us, all worthy of our prayers and deepest concern.

As 1988 draws to a close, we at the *Sun* extend warmest Holiday Greetings and thanks to the wonderful people of Carmel Valley who have supported the *Sun* and its fine staff -- JUNE LEVORA, the *Sun's* pleasant, capable office manager /typesetter, a gentle, loving woman who is ever-so-patient with this often volatile and unpredictable reporter; CORKY MATTHEWS who, each issue, does a splendid job of gathering together a thousand and one typeset items and pastes them up tastefully and artistically; HELGA FELLAY and LAURA LOCKE, who visit the *Sun's* advertisers, offering help and advice as needed; BARRY SMITH, who has come recently to the *Sun* to help with advertising and special projects; FEESIE HEUER, the delightful woman who does our billing and helps JUNE with the typesetting; DAN McGREW, dangerous Dan himself, the *Sun's* genial editor who possesses not only a Scottish gift for gab, but also a lot of faith in the *Sun*, its staff, and its future growth. Last, but not least, there are special greetings from publisher DICK HEUER, whose fine, in-depth reports on current issues keep Valley readers apprised of what is going on in Monterey County. HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM US ALL!

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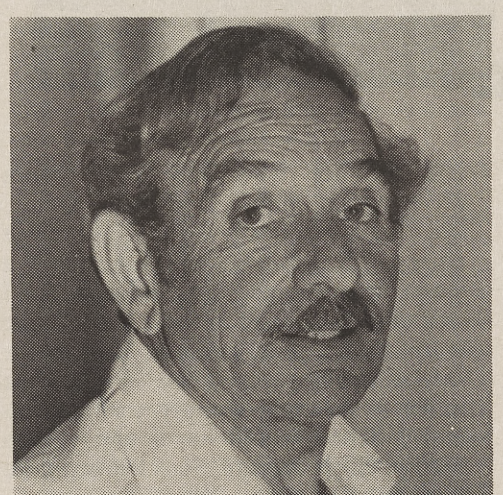

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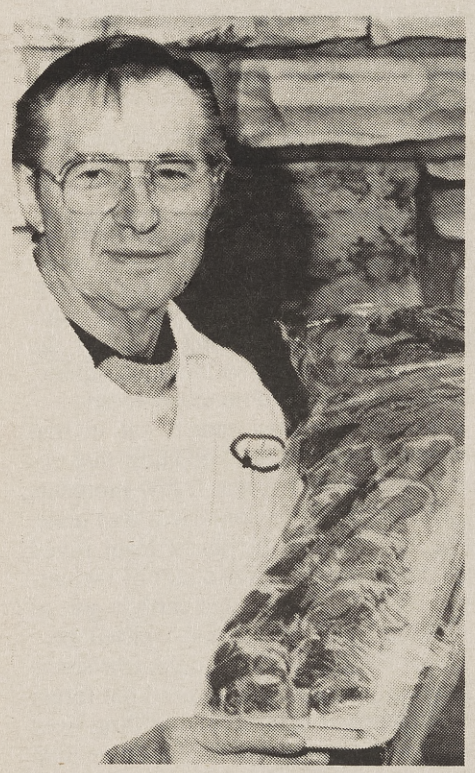

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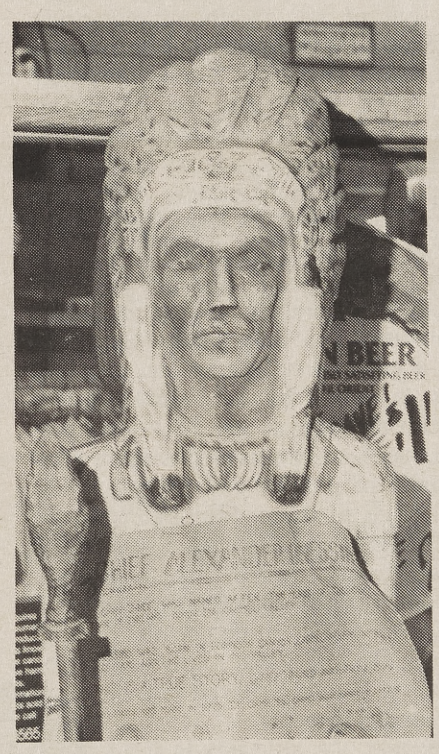

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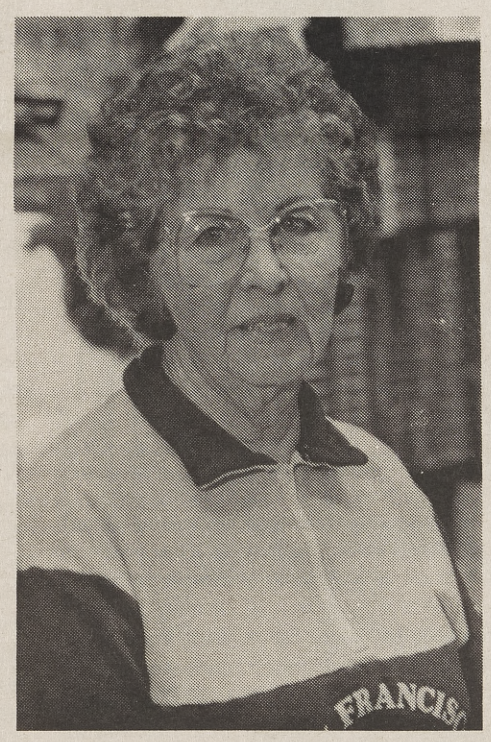

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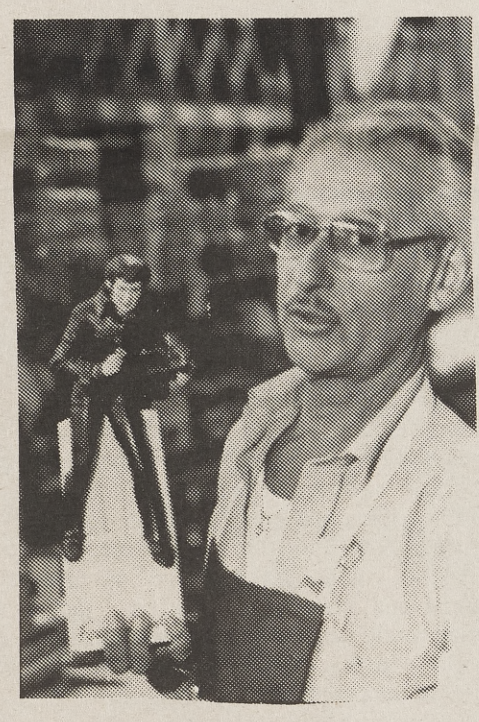

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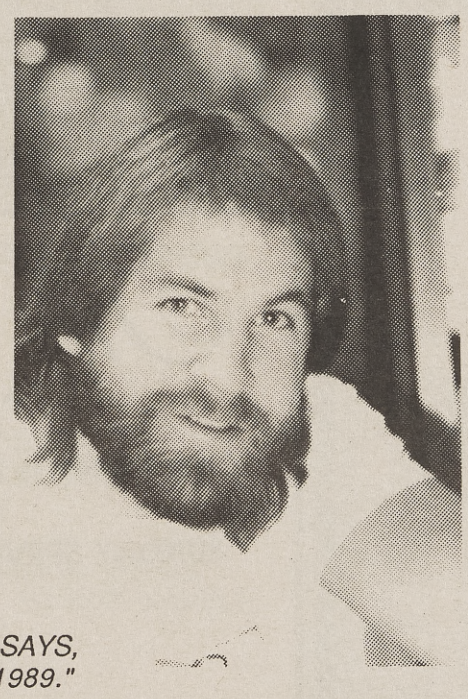

KEVIN McKAY SAYS,
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DENISE TEUNISE SAYS,
"Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year."

A Christmas Story

By Grace Darcy

Christmas Eve. Snow is falling outside my window, and people are hurrying to each other's homes—or to church services - to exchange gifts and greetings. Youngsters are having a wonderful time slipping and sliding on the new fallen snow, often turning their frost-kissed faces to the sky to catch fresh snow on their tongues and lips and savoring the cool, wet taste.

I observe all of this from my hotel window, for I am alone this Christmas Eve, far from family and friends. I feel old and, in truth, I am. My children are grown and far away, as are my grandchildren. A writing assignment has led me to this strange, foreign city, and only the age-long familiarity of Christmas makes my loneliness bearable.

"I think I'll bundle up and go for a walk," I said to myself out loud. Sometimes, the sound of one's own voice is comforting. I went to the closet and took out the warm coat I brought with me, knowing this city was famous - or infamous - for its chilling weather. I bundled up and opened the door.

Once in the street, I stood under a lamplight. Where did I think I was going? Slowly, I became aware of the music...Christmas music...where was it coming from? Peering through the thickly falling snowflakes, I remembered rather than saw the church across the square. Despite the cold, the church doors were flung wide, and the glow of the church's brightly lit interior was golden in its warmth. People - lots of people - were entering the church.

I looked at my watch. Almost midnight. "Why not?" I said aloud and, careful lest I slip on the wet streets, I wended my way to the church.

As I neared the church, I encountered more and more people. Throngs. Poor as they were (and this is a poor nation), their faces were aglow - in anticipation, I thought - but for what? There was a policeman standing at the entrance to the church, and I thought perhaps he might be able to speak English. It was worth a try.

"Pardon me, sir," I said, "Do you speak English?"

"A little bit," he replied.

"I know it's Christmas Eve, but this crowd seems enormous. Is there something special going on here?"

"Oh, yes. You didn't know? These people have come to see the Holy Baby."

"What's so different about that? Most churches have the Bethlehem scene at Christmas?"

"No, no, you don't understand," the policeman said, shaking his head as if that gesture would help overcome our language barrier. "In this church, the Holy Baby smiles at the people and, to them, this is a great blessing."

I could see that this young guardian of the law believed what he was saying, and I chose not to argue the lack of logic in his statement. How could a statue smile? Ah, well. Simple people have simple beliefs, and who's to say that they are not far better off in their simplicity they we are who live in a far too sophisticated society. These simple peasants have few fears; their faith takes them wherever they want to go, and they're sustained by their own beliefs. I suppose, in some small, hidden corner of my lonely heart, I envied them.

I went inside the church, for it was much too cold outside for my aging bones. The building was like any other church building in this third world country—the plaster crumbling, the icons colorful but in disrepair, the pews old and sagging. The people dressed poorly; the old women hugged their shawls to their withered bodies, and the young wore patched but clean hand-me-downs. It was their faces that shocked me, for despite their lives of frustration, lack, and hardship, these faces were aglow with something I am unable, even with my journalistic skills, to describe.

Suddenly, the priest was on the altar. I quickly found a seat, rather far back, and could barely make out the creche that was placed in what obviously was a place of honor on the altar. The priest said something to the congregation that my poor knowledge of the language did not allow me to understand, but I noticed that, one bench at a time, the people were approaching the altar to see, individually, the smiling Holy Baby.

I was too far back to see what happened when each person reached the altar rail, but I was well able to see them as they returned to their seats. If I could not describe the glow their faces held *before* they knelt before the Infant, I am absolutely without words to describe the light that came from within them as they returned to their seats. It *was* a light, believe me. I'm a realist, and am under no illusions that miracles happen anymore - if they ever did.

"Well, why not?" I said to myself as the usher, a friendly young woman, motioned to the bench where I was seated and urged us to go to the altar. "I'll reinforce my faith in my own sanity and my opinion that these people are deluded by their own beliefs."

Slowly, we shuffled toward the altar. Since the others in my bench and I were rather far back, a few minutes passed before we came to the altar. The creche was placed so that only the person who knelt before it could see the Holy Baby. The shawl-hooded figures of the old women ahead of me knelt in humility as each one took her turn before the manger which, I could see, was also very old. Everything seems so old here..alas, I, too, am old.

A little boy walked directly in front of me and, because he was small, I could see over his head as he knelt before the creche. What I saw was quite ordinary, a creche right out of my childhood memories. There was Mother Mary and, of course, St. Joseph. There was a cow, whose tail was broken, and four or five dilapidated shepherds. The three wise men were off to the side of the creche, and the Infant Jesus was positioned in the center. As if made at a different time, the Jesus figure was a scale or two larger than the others.

The carving of the Holy Baby was extraordinarily beautiful. The other figures were plaster, but Baby Jesus was carved from a golden-hued wood—an exquisite piece of work by any standard, but particularly because the artist who possessed such an exquisite gift came from this land of despair and poverty. The baby's face was incredibly delicate—the fragile face of a divine cherub surmounted by carved wooden curls. The small hands were outstretched, each finger carved with loving care and in infinite detail. So realistic was the effect that I now understood why these people believed that the Holy Baby smiled at them.

Suddenly, the little boy in front of me rose from his knees, and it was my turn. I knelt before the creche to study the carving more closely, to appraise the work, examine the details.

I looked at the Holy Baby's face. Magnificent. The outstretched hands. Perfect. The...Oh, my God! What was happening to me? A gentle, tingling warmth invaded my chilled body, and I felt compelled to look - deeply - into those perfectly carved eyes. As I watched, the wood took on a life of its own...the eyes were alive...warm...liquid...infinitely loving. The small, beautifully carved lips became baby pink, smiling, but, oh, what a smile! It encompassed the universe, and I was transfixed, held in some sort of time warp where past, present, and future melded into one eternal now! I was in the midst of an other-worldly enchantment that I hoped would never end. Such beauty! Such warmth! Such indescribable love!

No! This couldn't be happening! My practical mind fought hard to reject what I was seeing and feeling. Surely, I was caught up in some mass mesmerism that caused me to see what these people thought they saw! This simply was not happening. Things like this do not occur - no, they don't - rather, they are the conjured up visions and mad imaginings of those who so despair of life that they seek and find miracles wherever they turn! Yes, that was it—I was in the midst - quite unwillingly - of some mysterious mass mesmerism.

Still, I could not look away from those compelling eyes, those wondrous smiling lips.

The usher's gentle nudge brought me out of my hypnotic state, and I rose to allow the next person to see the Holy Baby. I walked back toward my seat, but didn't sit down. I kept walking - out of the church, across the snow covered square, into the old hotel and up to my room.

I don't know how long I sat in that chill, threadbare room. I do know that, for that time, whether it was a few moments or all of eternity, my loneliness was gone, all sense of being far away from loved ones disappeared. I was a part of the universe, a part of heaven and earth, a part of everything that ever was and ever will be.

Dawn brought with it a cold, Christmas Day bereft of sunshine. I could not forget the outstretched hands of the smiling Holy Baby and I realized, for the first time, that no matter how lonely I felt, I was truly never alone.

Later, I looked across the square to the now empty church. It was just an ordinary building, more run down than most, grey and forbidding. The doors were closed; the people long gone to their homes. Everything was the same as it was yesterday, and yet, somehow, nothing will ever be the same again.

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Vidbits

Courtesy of Mid Valley Movies

Are you wondering what to give that favorite child on your Christmas list? Wonder no more! Children of all ages love the Disney classics, and many are available at your local video store, with *Cinderella, Lady and the Tramp, Alice in Wonderland,* and *Dumbo* coming immediately to mind. Other Disney movies like *Mary Poppins, Sword and the Stone,* and *Pluto* also are available. Why not give that special child a gift that will last year round ... and this is the kind of gift you can enjoy, too! Don't forget the movie about everybody's favorite alien, *E.T.*, which also is for sale at your video store. Here are some splendid - and not so splendid - videos you might find time to watch during this holiday season.

John Huston's last film, *The Dead*, based on James Joyce's collection of short stories, *Dubliners*, attests to the late director's talent and professional sensitivity. It is a gentle, bittersweet story, eloquently told. Filmed in Dublin, Ireland, and Valencia, California, *The Dead* stars Angelica Huston, Donal McCann (in a splendid performance), Helena Carroll, Dan O'Herlihy, and Sean McClory. Don't miss this one. Rated PG.

Beauty and the Beast, starring Linda Hamilton as the beauty and Ron Perlman as the beast, is a delightful fantasy, beautifully done, and quite touching. There's also a fine, sympathetic performance by Roy Dotrice as the beast's father. See this one. Rated PG.

Jean de Florette and its sequel, *Manon of the Spring*, are French productions, beautifully done and handsomely executed. Both star Yves Montand, who gives an outstanding performance, Gerard Depardieu, and Elizabeth Depardieu. Filmed in the French country-side, the films are powerful dramas of ignorance, greed, revenge, and selfishness. English sub-titles, and delightful background music, including Verdi's *Forza del Destino* theme. Try to rent these two videos together; you won't want to see *Jean de Florette* without *Manon* close at hand. Rated PG.

Come Along With Me is part of The Heritage Collection, Monterey Home Video. Directed by Joanne Woodward and starring Estelle Parsons, Sylvia Sidney, and Barbara Baxley, this is a charming, fey little story, just one hour long. Amusing and outrageous. Rated G.

The Revolt of Mother is another Monterey Home Video production, this time starring Amy Madigan. Mother wants a new house, father wants a new barn. Guess who wins? A nice story, well performed, and well worth seeing. Rated G.

A New Life starring Alan Alda, Ann Margret, Veronica Hamel, and John Shea, is a heartwarming comedy about a divorced couple. Personally, we don't like the beard Alan Alda had in this one. Rated PG-13.

Five Corners, a Tony Bill film, stars Jodie Foster, Tim Robbins, Todd Graff, and Elizabeth Berridge (Constanza of *Amadeus* fame). The plot comes close to being ridiculous, and there is much too much violence, such as bodies being thrown out of windows and off roofs. You can live without this one. Rated R.

How about renting some of the older videos ... like the current releases, some we liked; others we did not ...

John La Carre's *Little Drummer Girl*, a terrific spy thriller, stars Diane Keaton, Jorgo Voyargis, and Klaus Kinski. Although not new, it deals with the Arab-Israeli situation so, in a sense, it is as fresh as today's news. Complex, but fascinating. Rated R.

Orphans stars Albert Finney, Mathhew Modene, and Kevin Anderson, and is a picture this reviewer could have lived without. Finney gives a stellar performance, but this is a raw picture, although perhaps a true-to-life one. Parts of the picture are touching, but overall, it's a crude affair. Foul language is a constant. Rated R.

Based on Frederick Forsyth's book, *Day of the Jackal* is a top notch thriller that holds the viewer spellbound all the way. A group of French patriots, dissatisfied with Charles De Gaulle's Algerian policy, plot to kill the French leader. An excellent movie starring Edward Fox and Michael Lonsdale. Rated PG.

See you next year?

WHILE THE "OLD FOLKS" AT C.V. HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S annual Christmas Party whooped it up inside Rosie's Cracker Barrel Saturday evening, "honey-mooners" Bruce and Jean Ariss sneaked out to the bench overlooking Rosie's Bridge, properly chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Frosty. Mr. and Mrs. Ariss arrived on the Peninsula in 1934 for a $200 honeymoon which officially lasted through 1936. The bride of 54 years "made it all proper" by holding mistletoe above the groom's not-so-reluctant head. (*Sun* Photo)

Sheraton Offers Free Christmas Rooms For Families of Area Patients

For those patients in area hospitals and nursing homes who won't be getting home for the holidays, the Monterey Sheraton has an offer to bring home a little closer to them.

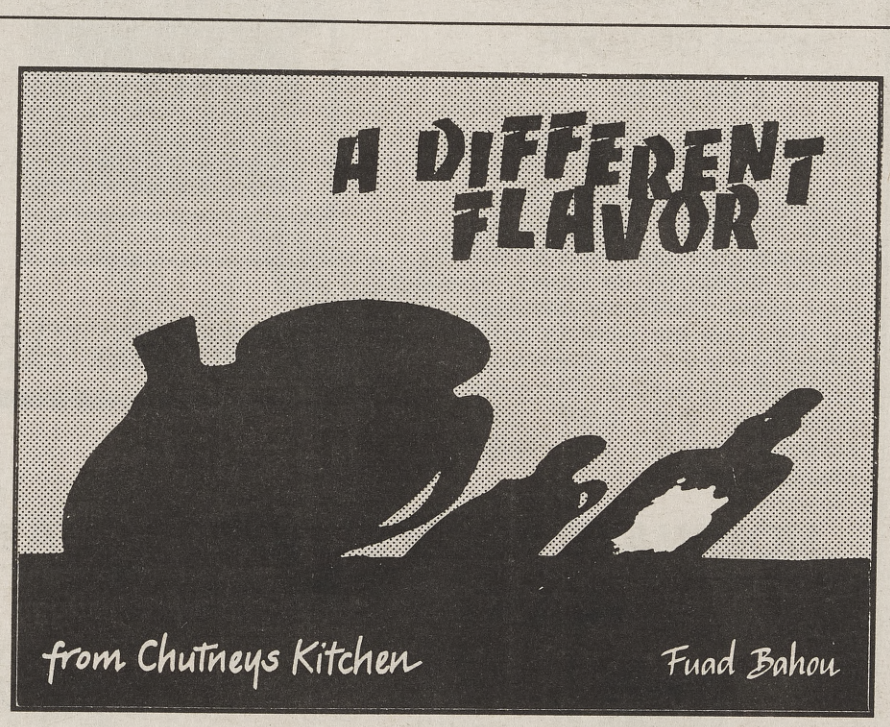
In a program instituted by General Manager Bill Hurley, people who are traveling more than 50 miles to visit their relatives in local hospitals or nursing homes may stay free at the Sheraton for up to three nights from Dec. 23 through Dec. 26.

"You want visitors any time of the year when you're in a nursing home or hospital, but during the holidays, well, that's when being alone can really be devastating," said Hurley.

"This is a slow time for us, so it seemed only logical to offer our rooms as an inducement, you might say, for people to make that extra effort to see their relatives here."

The offer does not include meals or incidentals. Reservations may be made with the Monterey Sheraton's Director of Public Relations Tia Gindick at 624-7309.

People making reservations will be asked for the name and facility of the relative they are visiting.



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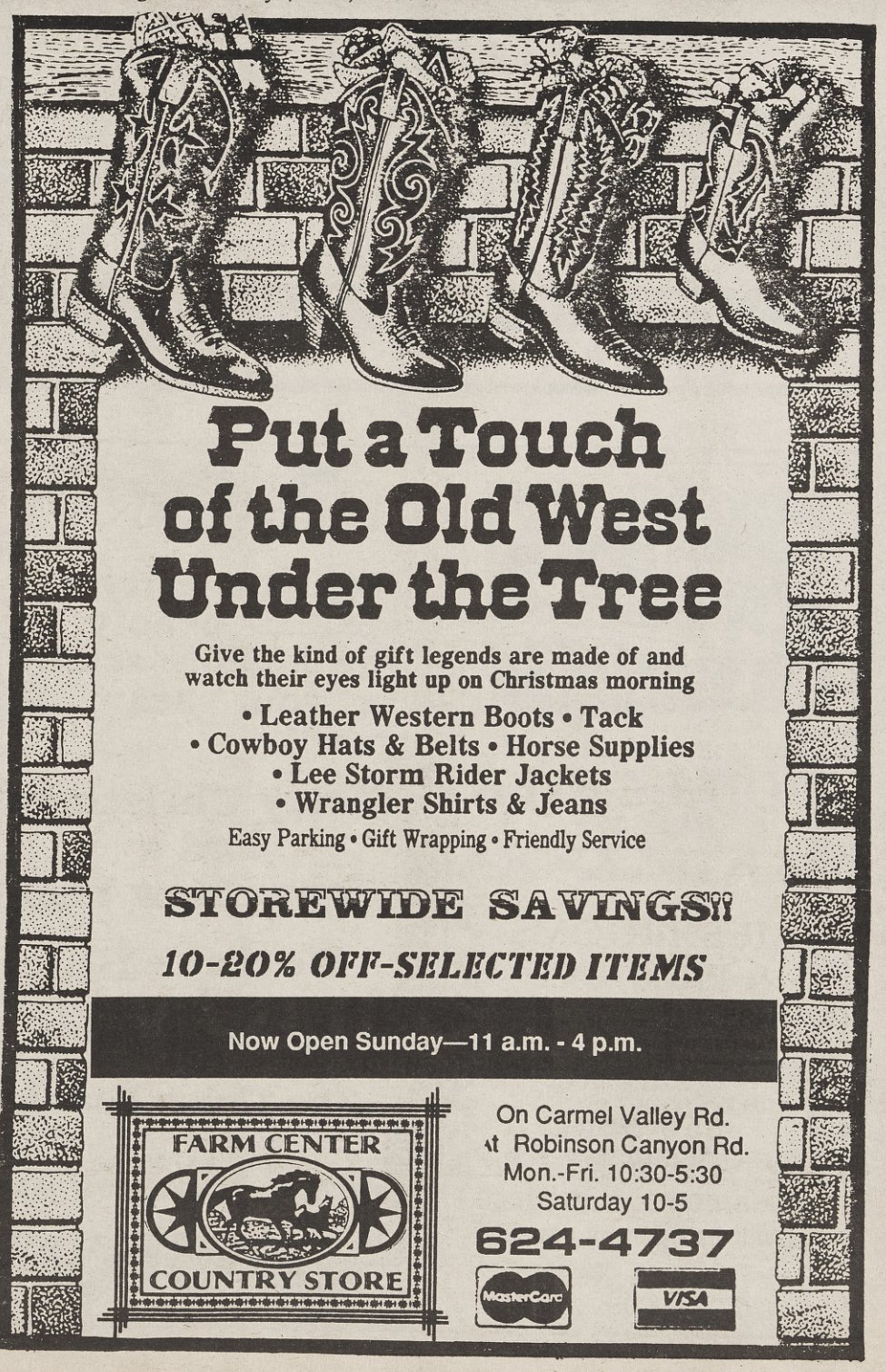

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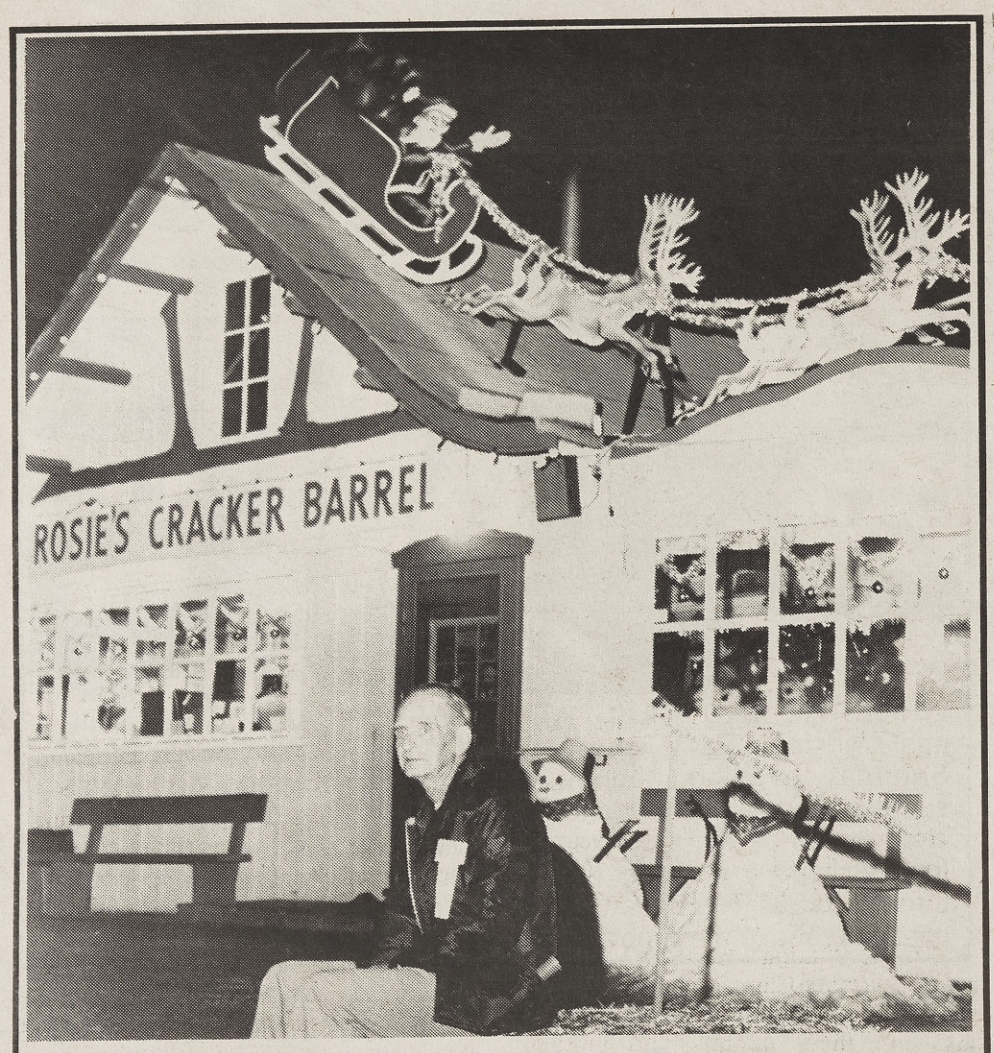

SANTA, MR. AND MRS. FROSTY SNOWPERSONS AND MARVIN PYLATE were on hand Dec. 17 to greet Carmel Valley Historical Society members and guests for their annual Christmas Party at Rosie's Cracker Barrel. As an official host, Marvin volunteered to direct partygoers to available parking. (*Sun* Photo)

Senior Line

By Bill Schneider

Q. On Saturday evening my wife and I were returning home from dining out. I stopped at a stop sign and waited because I saw the headlights of an approaching car. A car behind me blew his horn repeatedly and actually rammed into my rear bumper. I finally was able to enter the highway and, as I did, a small sports car containing two men and a woman zoomed by and the man on the passenger side threw out a beer bottle. Fortunately the bottle hit the hood of my car and bounced over the windshield. I had to pull over and stop for five minutes for us to regain our composure. Unfortunately, I did not get the license number or a good description of the other car or its occupants. Having had several days to think about it, one question repeatedly comes to mind. Why are beer commercials, particularly those using athletes and other role models, allowed on TV when we have banned liquor and cigarette ads? LC, Prunedale

A. I have two answers to your question. Lobbyists and PACs. The December issue of *Retirement Life* had this info. Drunk driving is the most frequently committed crime in the nation today. DWI arrests in 1986 totalled more than three times the total for all other violent crimes (murder, robbery, forcible rape, and aggravated assault). On an average weekend night, one out of every ten drivers is legally impaired or drunk in some parts of the nation. Estimates of the economic cost of drunk driving have been as high as 24 billion dollars. (All-state 1982) Two out of every five Americans will be involved in an alcohol related crash at some point in their lives.

Q. I have been told that our Medi-Gap premium will increase by an unknown amount in 1989, Part B Medicare premium will increase $4 each for the Catastrophic Health Act plus its usual annual increase and then we get socked with the $1600 Income Tax surcharge. I expect our total health insurance premiums to be over $4000 in 1989 and close to $5000 in 1990. All of this without addressing a very major concern of the elderly, nursing home care. Where will this all end? SM, Carmel Valley

A. A recent item in the *Wall Street Journal* said that insurance carriers foresee an estimated 21 1/2% increase in medical benefit costs in 1989; and figure that almost 33% of that increase is due to medical inflation. Medical inflation is the anticipated increases in the prices of services covered by typical plans. A half dozen laws were introduced in the final days of the 100th Congress to change the Catastrophic Act but they of course all died with adjournment and must be reintroduced when the 101st Congress convenes. My suggestion for any desired legislation is to write, call, arm twist or whatever it takes to lubricate the squeaky wheel.

Need information on senior affairs? Write Senior Line, Area Agency on Aging, 1184 Monroe Street, Suite 10, Salinas, CA 93906 or call (408) 757-5905 in the Salinas area or 372-7662 from the Monterey Peninsula. Senior Line needs your name, address and phone number but these will be withheld on request. Printed letters may be edited to meet space requirements.

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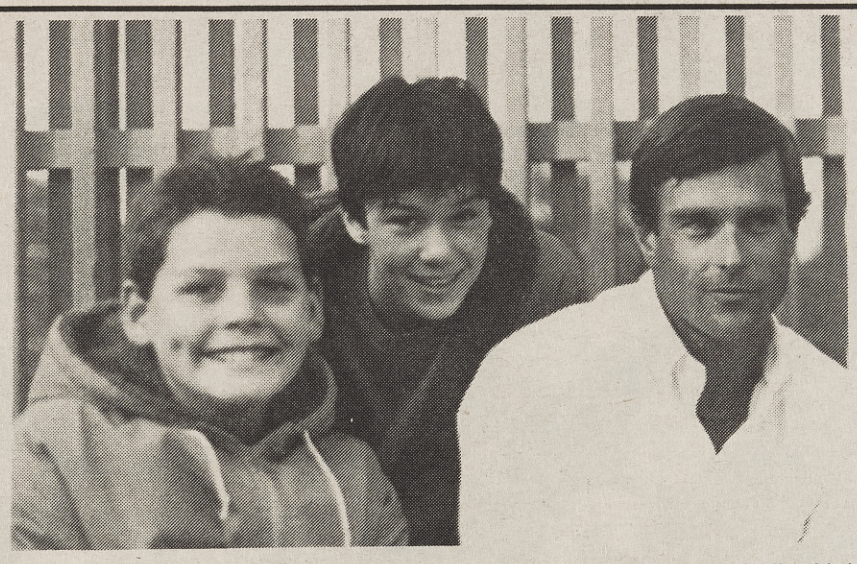


SWIMMERS Tisha Satow (center) and Kyle Nichols with coach Jim Helm.

Valley Swimmers Win Regional Honors

Tisha Satow and Kyle Nichols, Carmel Valley swimmers now competing with Salinas Valley Aquatics, entered the Santa Rosa Swim Festival Dec. 17 with major honors in hand.

Satow was first in the 200 freestyle with a new Pacific Rating Time of 2:04:03; third in the 100 butterfly with a new record and Pacific Rating Time of 1:05:49, and fourth in the 500 freestyle with a new time of 5:37:24.

Kyle Nichols was honored at Santa Rosa as the most outstanding swimmer in the 9-10 age group for 1987-88 by Pacific Swim Assn. Kyle swam a new record time of 5:47:24 in the 500 freestyle and also of 2:25 in the 200 individual medley.

Goodwill Industries Prepares For Year-End Donations

For two days in December, Goodwill Industries' president, management, office and field staffers are exchanging business garb for jeans—leaving offices, computers, typewriters, meeting rooms and phones, setting aside normal activities to work alongside Goodwill's industrial operations crew.

Their assignment: helping to inspect, sort, hang and process the current stock of donated materials in Goodwill's Santa Cruz plant, to move the goods out into their stores.

The December 6 and 13 designated organization-wide work days are not because of a big backlog of donations, but to "clear the decks" for the traditional year-end influx of donated goods.

"This is the busiest time of the year for Goodwill," said president Michael Paul. "As people think ahead to tax time, they remember things they've been meaning all year to donate, and take a hard look at other things they seldom if ever use.

"There's a tremendous increase in donations of clothing, furniture and household goods—even cars, boats and other unusual things. We're very grateful for these donations, whose sale finances our services to disabled people, and we really need them."

Community support through donated goods and cash gifts, sponsorship of Attended Donation Station sites, and purchases at Goodwill stores, made services possible to more than 300 people so far in 1988: in classroom and on-the-job training and job placement services.

Because of the special work days, Goodwill will be ready to receive and process the anticipated year-end donations.

Donors are urged to visit the donation trailers during attended hours (daily, from 10 till 1, and 1:30 till 5) to make sure their donations reach Goodwill in good condition, and to get those useful year-end receipts. There is a trailer at Mid Valley Center and South of Brinton's on Carmel Ranch Rancho Blvd. For information, call 646-8567.

CV COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER

As we wrap up 1988, I would like to thank everyone who has helped to make the year a very special one for the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center. But, before I delve into the past year, I want to look a little bit forward to the first week of January, 1989. Saturday night, January 7, will be the next *Middle School Drop-In. The Return to Snowy River* will be shown along with the usual activities of pool, ping-pong, and other games. A $1 entrance fee is requested, and snacks are available for sale.

Now, for the very difficult task of thanking all those who have been so generous over the past year. There are all the local organizations that have given to the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center financially. Leading the list is the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District, which gavemore than $34,000 in the past year.

Civic organizations such as the Kiwanis Club, Garden Association, Women's Club, Rancher's Days, Community Chapel, St. Martha's Guild of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, and the Carmel Rancho Lion's Club have all been generous with their annual contributions, donations that the Community Youth Center has come to depend upon.

Private foundations such as the Upjohn California Fund, Woodward Fund, Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Services, and Carmel Plaza were generous again in 1988 as they have been for a number of years.

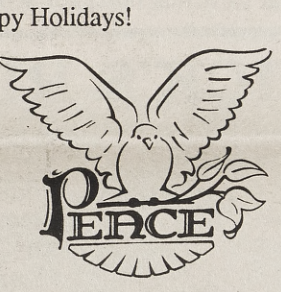
In addition to the support of the various organizations, many, many individuals gave time and labor as well as money to help support the CVCYC. People gave through becoming members of the Center, attending special events, sending donations, and giving needed items, such as chairs and a television set.

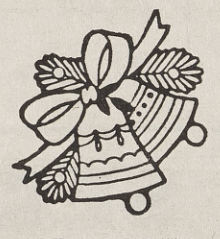
Many of individuals gave of themselves through donating their professional services, working at special events, and helping with the many projects around the park. I cannot possibly name everyone, but a few individuals stand out for their consistent efforts on a weekly, if not daily, basis. Tommy Paul and Graham Matthews, Sr. are the volunteer caretakers of the beautiful lawn area in the park. Diana Rosenthal spends six hours a week helping out with the office work. Mary Berta donates her time to tutor children with learning disabilities. John Radon has volunteered to coordinate the efforts to complete the outdoor restrooms which were functioning for Santa's Fly-In. All of the local trades who have volunteered their professional talents to help John with this project are too numerous to mention.

As Executive Director, I cannot omit the volunteer Board of Directors. My job of overseeing the operations of the Center would be impossible without the guidance, support, and many, many hours of work these individuals give. They are truly dedicated people, and I want to thank each and every one of them for helping me as well as the community as a whole.

There are many, many people to thank for their assistance in making 1988 a wonderful year for the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center. We are a Community Center in the fullest sense of the word. Our programs are geared to meet the social and recreational needs of all of our residents, especially our children. In return, we depend upon the community's support in all its various forms to continue to operate and expand. WE thank everyone who has been a part of this effort.

Happy Holidays!





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Supervisor Recovering from Accident

Continued from Front Page

Valley resident J. T. Mason, who saw the accident, was sitting in her car with a friend when it occurred. Ms. Mason, who is a broadcaster for a local radio station, has known the supervisor for many years.

According to Mason, Strasser Kauffman had mounted the horse and was readying herself for the parade. A half dozen or so people were either passing close to her and the horse, or were coming toward them. "Karin was backing the horse away from the people when the accident occurred. The horse reared up and dropped Karin flat on her back. The horse lost her balance—perhaps because she was seven months pregnant—and tumbled on top of Karin."

The horse rolled over Karin as it struggled to get to its feet again, then remained standing near the fallen rider.

Mason left her car and raced to Karin's assistance. Someone called for an ambulance. The Carmel Valley First Aid Squad came to the scene almost immediately and took charge. "They were truly excellent," Mason said.

"Despite the extent of her injuries and the terrible pain she must have been in, Karin handled herself beautifully," according to Mason. "She was calm, controlled; she was terrific."

The horse that fell on Strasser Kauffman is uninjured, and no harm came to her foal as a result of the fall.

"Karin is an excellent horsewoman and an accomplished rider," according to Sandy Smith. "She has ridden several times a week for many, many years, and riding has been a real joy for her."

The horse is an experienced show horse, trained as a performer. It has a "soft mouth," which means it responds instantly to commands. The supervisor had ridden that particular horse for about three hours during the previous week in order to gain experience with it for the parade.

Pete Jones of Mid Valley Movies took his two young daughters to the Santa Fly-In, as he has done in years past. He did not witness the accident, because the plane landing took place some distance from the site of the accident. Jones did, however, express concern about what appeared to be a lack of crowd control.

"There seemed more people there than ever before—I'd guess maybe close to 500," Jones said. "I've always been concerned that someone might get hurt, especially because people seem to rush at the airplane as it nears the crowd, and that propeller is still turning as the plane taxis in." Strasser Kauffman's accident occurred at the far end of the runway, however, apart from most of the crowd.

Louise Riddell-Kaufman believes the Dec. 10 accident was "not a crowd control problem." She noted that, usually, Fire Chief Bob Heald "is out there with his bull horn, keeping the people from coming near the airplane. This time, he was with the First Aid Squad doing what he could for Karin."

CARMEL VALLEY KIWANIS CLUB offered members a "hi-tech" educational program Dec. 13 when Diane DeMaria-Stein (right) of the In and Outdoor Shop and Zelma Thompson offered instruction in gift wrapping. Jack Arnold (left) volunteered as demonstration student. Dr. Jon Von Berg, right-front, proved an apt pupil. (*Sun* Photo)

CMS Open Gym Play Continues

Open gym basketball play continues at Carmel Middle School's gym under sponsorship of Carmel's Recreation department.

Basketball pick-up games are from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Open gym volleyball is available on other nights.

For information, telephone 626-1255.

Middle School Seeks Planning Imput For After School Recreation Program

Carmel Middle School is seeking district residents' suggestions for the new session of After-School Recreation Program which starts in January.

Program Coordinator Barbara Beck requests ideas for classes including Tennis/Fitness, Art, Computer, daily Homework hour with group tutorial assistance, group instrumental music or any other class themes desired.

Three courses were available during the fall months. They were tennis with John Ables instructing, computers with Susan Armstrong and art with Lori Bothwell teaching.

Interested district residents may pick up and complete forms at the Middle School office or telephone Barbara Beck at 624-2785. A simple letter mailed to Beck at P.O. Box 2221740k, Carmel-93922, expressing residents' interests in the program will suffice.

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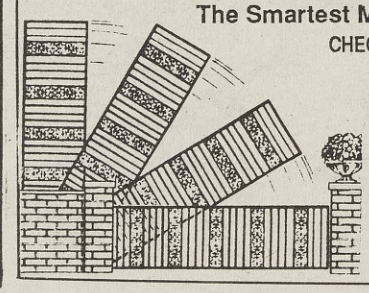
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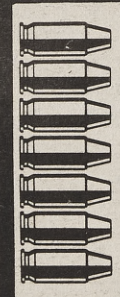
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Tom Ewen Observes 8th Year With Grand Opening: New Showroom Displays Village Wood Artistry

TOM EWEN EXPLAINS CONSTRUCTION DETAILS FOR Lynda Thornton of Grey and Greene Interiors during Dec. 9's Grand Opening of his new Delfino Place showroom.

A COUNTRY FRENCH HANDCART Reproduction spurs conversation for (L-R) Laurie Hall and Gayle Holmes, both of Pebble Beach, and Katie Ewen.

LEIF AND SANDY UTEGAARD answer questions during the Dec. 9 Grand Opening for Tom Ewen Woodworking's new showroom at #1 Delfino Place in Carmel Valley Village. Leif is the one full-time artisan-craftsman of the nearly eight-year-old company.

By Dan McGrew

Tom Ewen inherited a love of woodworking from his engineer father and two skilled grandfathers. Then followed years of study, research and constant home woodshop experience as he first earned his forestry degree from Oregon State University and then pursued successful careers in wholesale lumber and real estate.

But always—there remained the appeal of designing and creating fine wood products. Finally, June 15, 1980—Tom Ewen Woodworking opened at #3 Delfino Place in Carmel Valley Village. (Across from Kasey's, four doors east of Plaza Linda.)

Tom specializes in quality woodworking, whether it be a remodeling project to meet a current need with a client's prized heirloom, or creation of a massive wall unit, mantel piece, formal dining set or deceptively simple rustic patio furniture.

Sun Photos

His largest single furniture piece was a 14X9X2 dining room china closet and sideboard wall unit. Relatively tiny chests and children's furnishings are among the smallest products of Ewen's design and craftsmanship.

While the creation from design, selection of wood and final detailing of new quality wood products gives great satisfaction, Ewen admits an equal pleasure in restoring antiques and heirloom furniture, moldings and statuary.

His shop is routinely called upon by the region's most prestigious antique dealers and collectors to repair and restore valued articles, European, Asian and American.

Tom Ewen Woodworking also routinely reproduces antique designs from photos, or by copying one unit to create a set, or from sketches and verbal descriptions—frequently referring to his own library.

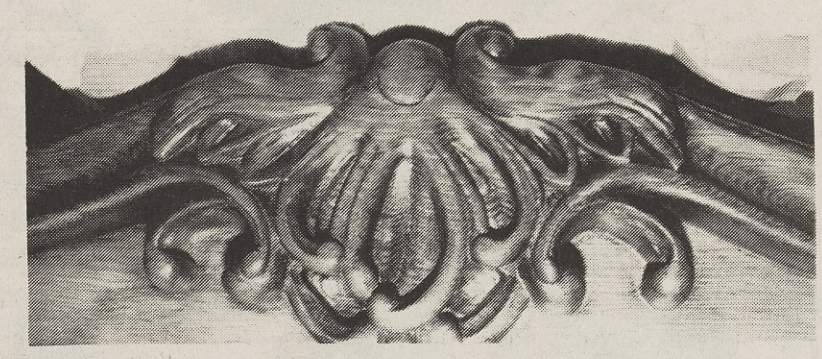
He also creates furniture for "entire rooms" and "even houses," both interior and exterior. With these projects and all single item efforts, he meets with the client (most usually in the home), consults, designs to approval, selects the wood individually and creates the order. Scraps are finished to the client's approval to determine the final finish.

"We're really lucky here to have discriminating clients and professional customers who expect perfection in the most minute detail and understand what is required to achieve the ultimate quality," Ewen declares.

"I'll have to admit I love the whole world of quality woodworking. Every new project provides an adrenaline rush and I can't wait to get my hands on the wood every day. Even when the Valley's summer sun pushes shop temperatures to 110°, or when it stays around 40° all day in the winter.

Tom and his wife, Katie, have lived in the Valley for 12 years. Their daughters, Kelly, 12, and Molly, 9, are Santa Catalina students.

His love of the area is underscored as he insists "Our shop is on Delfino Place in Carmel Valley." He rejects the common usage of "The Village."



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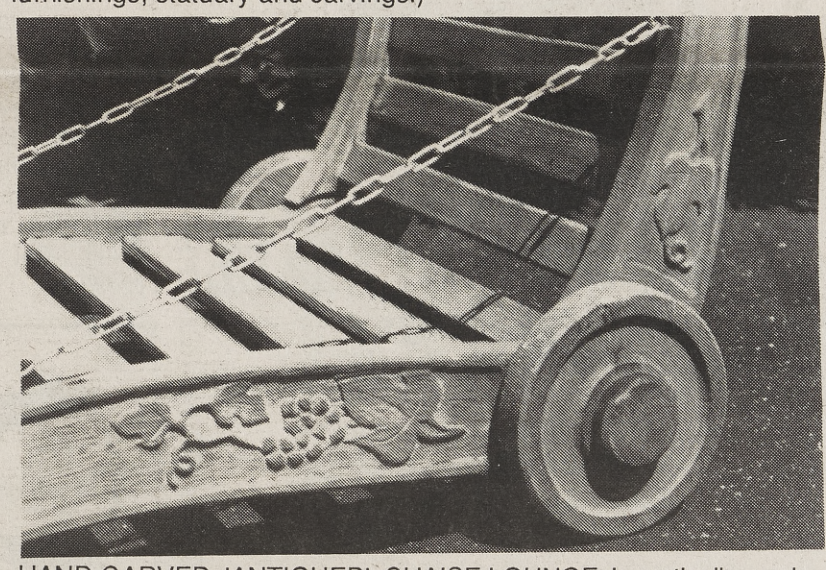

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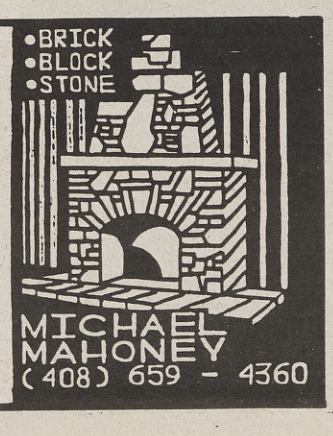

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Is Your Christmas Tree Safe?

Fill the tree stand with water and keep it full by adding water every day. Without adequate water, a warm room will dry the tree out rapidly.

Place the tree in a safe location: Locate the tree out of normal traffic areas, away from exits, the fireplace, heaters, vents and electrical appliances. If young children are present, place the tree where it cannot be pulled over.

Decorations and trimmings can be dangerous, too: Never use candles on or near the tree, or other evergreen trimmings.

Lights should be UL approved and in good condition. Check light strands for cracks, frayed or bare wires.

Do not use indoor lights outdoors, and vice-versa. Do not use more than 3 strands of lights per extension cord.

Turn off all lights when you leave the house or retire for the night.

Never use electric lights on a metallic tree, it could cause a serious electric shock. To avoid this danger, use a colored spotlight below or above the tree.

If children are present, avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable. Keep trimmings that resemble candy, or with small moveable parts out of reach, so children are not tempted to swallow them.

Dispose of wrappings and tree properly: After Christmas, dispose of wrappings and boxes as soon as possible, as they create a fire hazard. Do not burn wrappings or excess paper in the fireplace.

The Christmas tree should be disposed of before it becomes dried out. Remove the tree from the house. Do not burn the Christmas tree or other evergreens in the fireplace. Most disposal companies will pick up Christmas trees along with normal trash pick-up free of charge, if tree is cut in 4 foot sections.

For more information on holiday safety, contact your local Fire Department.

Fire Safety Requires Planning, Study, Practice and Sense

There is much to know about residential fire safety. Smoke detectors are only a part of the total success story for the protection of life and property from fire.

There are four major areas of fire prevention that round out home fire safety, with much to know in each area.

Prevent fires in the home. Learn how to recognize fire hazards inside and outside the home.

Provide and maintain early warning devices. Smoke detectors need maintenance, too.

Have and practice an escape plan. Two ways out of each room, train household members in opening windows. Have a common meeting place. *Practice!*

Know safe behaviors to save your life during a fire. These actions can make the difference between escaping or not.

Sleep with bedroom doors closed. This will increase your escape time. If you suspect a fire, test the door. If it is hot, do not open it. The hallway is too hot to enter. Use an alternate exit. Smoke rises. Crawl out low on your hands and knees to avoid breathing smoke.

Smoke is responsible for the majority of fire fatalities. Proceed to the prearranged "meeting place" outside the home. Once you are out, do not re-enter the home for any reason. Do not try to call the fire department (9-1-1) from your home; use a neighbor's phone.

While Fire Prevention Week marks the anniversary of one of America's worst fires, the 1871 Great Chicago Fire, it is not the only time when fire prevention and education efforts are made. Your local fire department has many brochures, literature and instruction available all year. Everyone, young and old, should visit the nearest fire department for life-saving knowledge.

Firemen Offer Gift of Life

Smoke Detectors are available at the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Department, gift wrapped, for $9.55 including tax. The smoke detector comes complete with a 9 volt battery and fire safety information. Its a *HOT* item this year!

Stocking stuffers are also available at the fire station—if you have a smoke detector, chances are that it needs, or will need soon, a new 9 volt battery! These are available free to Mid Valley residents with smoke detectors, and for $1.50 for others.

The Mid Carmel Valley Fire District's "Wake Up and Escape" smoke detector and battery replacement programs are non-profit public education programs.

MCV Fire Station is located at 8455 CV Road. Smoke detectors and batteries are available daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Paddock Honored By C.V. Firemen

Gerry Paddock was honored during the Carmel Valley Fire Deparment's Valley Volunteers' annual Christmas party.

Paddock served 20 years with the volunteers as an engineer. Although "officially" retired this year, he still carries a fire radio, has a call sign and will make his bulldozer available to the department during a wildland fire or major disaster.

Volunteers also extended "tender encouragement" to Pat Dowd who received a serious leg injury fighting a fire and will be wearing a full leg cast for several weeks.

New Babies

Hazuki, daughter, born to **Kumiko** and **Yoshihisa Oshire**, Dec. 1.

Lauren Michele, daughter, born to **Michele** and **Thomas Duckett**, Dec. 2.

Kyle Jonathen, son, born to **Deborah** and **Walter White,** Dec. 8.

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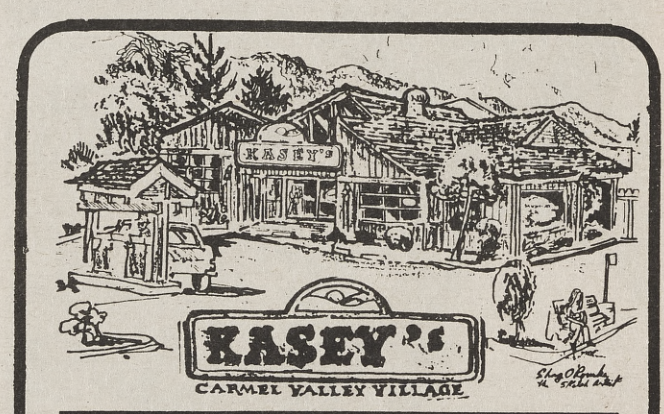

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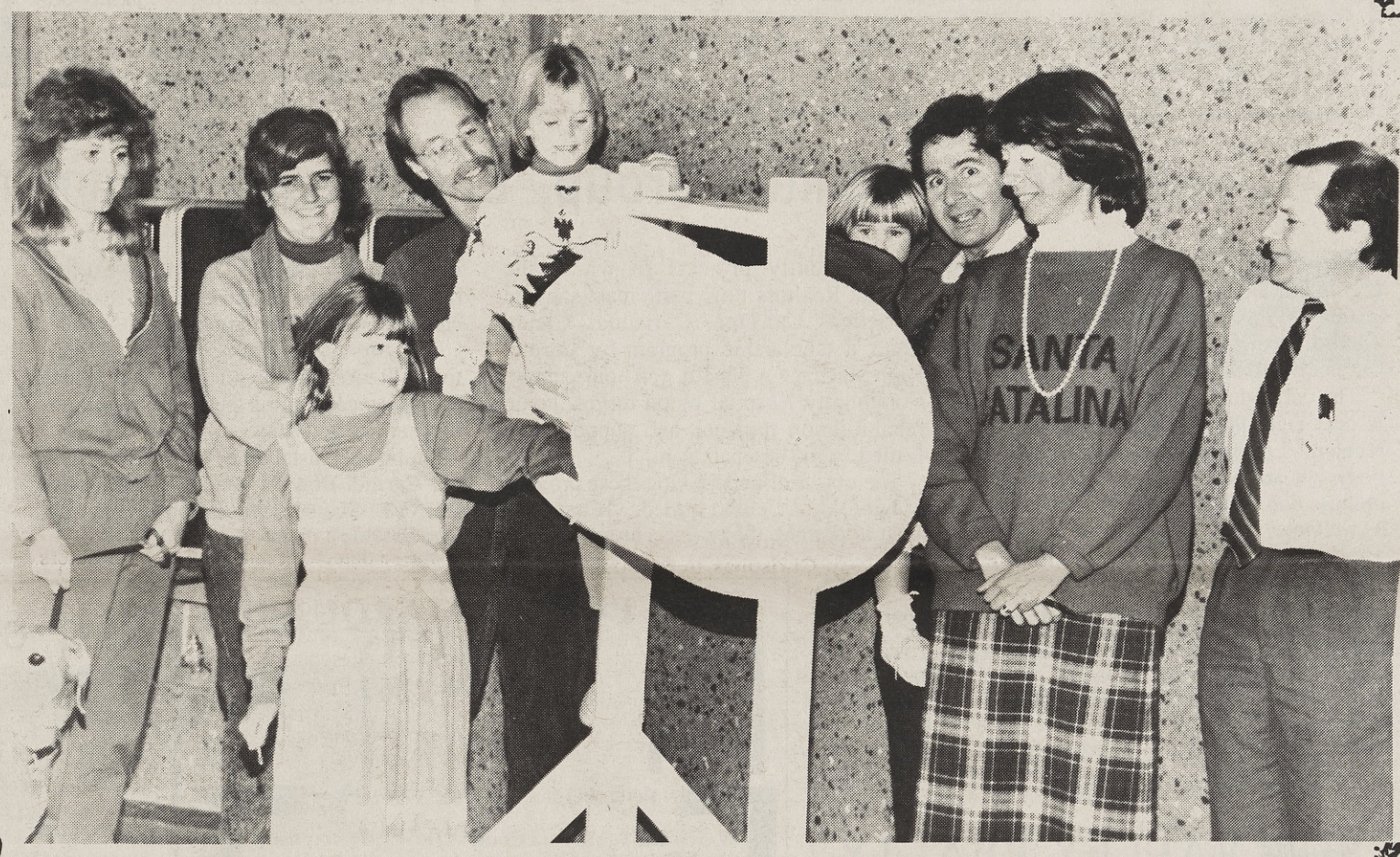

A THOUSAND DOLLARS IN GIFT CERTIFICATES from Mid Valley Shopping Center merchants were awarded Dec. 16 in the center's holiday promotion. Here River School Student and Center Customer Melody Mosolf draws one of the ten winners of the gift-packed stockings. From left, Kay "Woody" Woodward and Cindy Cather of the Pet Spa, Pete Jones and daughter Broeck, Ray Michael and daughter Shanti, Pat Porter and Ray Ward. The ten winners of Mid Valley Shopping Center's Christmas Stocking drawing Friday afternoon at the center, each won a Christmas Stocking stuffed with ten $10 gift certificates from members of the Mid Valley Center Merchants Association plus other prizes. Winners were: Finwick Lambert, Sally Kvenild, Brian Poll, J. Edlund, Katie SloBodin, Heidi Park and Seadiah Kvenild, all of Carmel Valley, and Donna King, Salinas; Stephanie Roundy, Pacific Grove, and Jan Weber, Carmel.

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CARMEL KIWANIANS received an award for being one of the "top three" Bell Ringer groups for the annual kettle fund raising drive. Presenting the plaque to Club President Dr. Gregory McMartin (right) is Lt. Robert Rudd, commanding officer of the Peninsula's Salvation Army.

Ed Haber Heads Sheriff's Council

Long-time Valley resident, businessman and community volunteer Edgar H. Haber is the new president of the Monterey County Sheriff's Advisory Council. Haber replaces Bob Palmer in the post.

Sheriff Bud Cook is chairman of the group, with Jim Dagdigian as V.P., J. Breck Tostevin is treasurer, Tony Lombardo is secretary and legal counsel.

Directors are David Armanasco, Gary Koeppel, Paul Laub, Bob Palmer and Bill Stevens.

The Council was formed in 1984 to replace the Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Assn. It is a more formal organization limited to 200 members from throughout the county.

Among the Council's functions, it has raised more than $36,000 to buy radiotelephones, surveillance gear, video cameras, automatic target practice systems, off-road dirt bikes and hands-free microphones for two-way radios.

The Council also funds youth activities and provides awards to outstanding students in law enforcement schools. It assists Cook in fulfilling needs in any area where he requests assistance for the county operation.

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Lembo Heads Realtor Group, Encourages Community Service

Carmel Realtors will increase their involvement in community service projects in the 1989 year, according to Annis H. Lembo, newly installed president of the Carmel Board of Realtors.

"The community gives a lot to us, and it is only right that we give back what we receive," Lembo said. "As much as anybody, we are part and parcel of the community, and we take an intense interest in its welfare."

Community projects in which the Carmel Realtors now participate include Christmas CanTree, Christmas Candy Cane, a scholarship program for Carmel High students, a benefit golf tournament, Community Hospital blood drives, home rehabilitation projects, and support of a Little League baseball team.

"The object of undertaking these projects is twofold, " Lembo added. "First, and most important, the projects are eminently worthy in themselves. Second, we'd like the public to be aware that we Realtors care about our community."

Directors of the Carmel Board of Realtors will meet shortly after the new year to discuss expansion of the Board's community service activities.

Lembo was installed as 1989 president at the Carmel Board's annual dinner dance Dec. 10. She succeeded Ben J. Heinrich, who became a director.

George Fusco took office as vice president, while Hi Hennings was named secretary-treasurer.

The slate of 1989 directors, besides Heinrich, included: Buck Bemis, Norma D'Isidoro, Ed Doran, Rodney Guilfoil, Vivian Kent, Gene Erner, and Les Zielinski. Virginia E. Williams will continue to serve as executive vice president.

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Real Estate Report

Loans for Investment Property

By Rita Base Winn, Realtor Associate
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I've enjoyed the response readers have given me over the last several months. In particular, the last two articles regarding financing have raised several additional questions about financing second homes (vacation homes) and investment properties (single family homes that are going to be rented to others).

Many people initially think of second homes and investment property as synonymous. However, there is a huge difference in the minds of the lenders, and you should be aware of the way they view each of these properties.

Buying a second home is exciting. Typically, when people go in to see a lender, they've just found a property that they want and they have thought of every reason why that property would be good for them. Knowing that there are many different lenders out there, each with their own standards and requirements, I asked Tom O'Meara of Peninsula Mortgage Corporation in Carmel to give us an overview of what to expect from lenders in general.

One of O'Meara's first statements was that most people try to buy too much house for their income. They overestimate their ability to make the payment and, therefore, lenders look at a purchase of a second home and investment property differently.

Lenders know from years of statistics that a person will make all necessary payments on his primary home. However, if the family has any financial difficulty, the first thing that goes is the investment property where there may be a negative cash flow. Foreclosure is very high on investment property, far more so than on second homes.

Financing a vacation home is very similar to financing a principal home. You will find that the interest rates and the cost of the loan is similar.

On an investment property, however, O'Meara says "the highest loan we can make is 80 percent of the appraised value...*and* it's going to cost you more. Typically, an adjustable rate loan will cost you one point more at the time you get the loan, the interest rate will be one percent higher than for a primary residence, and the margin over the cost of funds will be between a quarter and a half percent higher."

That may seem a bit steep to some but, O'Meara says, this is one time when lenders must keep in mind the foreclosure statistics on investment property. "There is just more risk involved."

In applying for a loan on an investment property, the lender is going to "look at your ratios." That means that he will add together the costs of your primary residence (principal, interest, taxes, and insurance) and will add to that any installment payments you are making, such as a car payment. Next the lender will add the anticipated costs of the investment property minus the rental income.

All these payments must be no more than 28 to 36 percent of your monthly income. On a vacation home, you have no rental income to help in reducing the ratios.

Depending upon which lender you use, you can subtract from 75 to 100 percent of the rental income to help you qualify for the loan. If the property has never been rented, then a part of the appraisal process will include an estimate of the fair market rent for that type of property.

I asked Tom whether it made a difference if you had more than one loan with the same company. "In most cases you will get a break if you are buying more than one property at the same time. Otherwise, go where you can get the best rates or the best service," he said.

Mortgage Interest Rates

Lender	30 Yr. Fixed Rate Loan Int.	Pts.	Adjustable Rate Loan Int.	Pts.
American S & L	10.500	2.00	8.000	1.50
Bank of America	11.000	2.00	8.125	1.50
Calif. First Bank	10.625	2.00	8.125	1.50
Eureka Federal S & L	10.875	1.50	7.875	1.50
First Interstate Bank	10.625	1.50	8.125	1.75
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Monterey S & L	11.185	2.00	7.750	1.50
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Wells Fargo	10.750	2.00	8.250	1.50
Monterey Coast Mort.	11.000	2.00	6.900	1.50
World S & L	11.000	2.00	8.500	0.00

This table is a representative sampling of local mortgage loan interest rates for owner-occupied residences. Many other lenders offer similar loans.

Rates were in effect on the Monday prior to publication. Rates are subject to change. There is no guarantee of loan availability with any particular lender.

Interest rate and points are not the only factors to consider when comparing mortgage terms. You may also wish to determine maximum loan amount, minimum percentage down payment, processing time and fees.

Adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) have rates that change according to the cost of money in the money market. The ARM rate cited here is the "going in" rate designed to attract buyers who otherwise might not qualify. To compare ARMs, you will need to determine the time of the first adjustment, frequency of subsequent adjustments, maximum annual increase, maximum allowable rate, the money market index used as basis for the adjustment, and the "spread" between this index and the adjusted interest rate.

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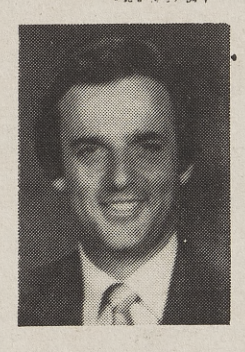

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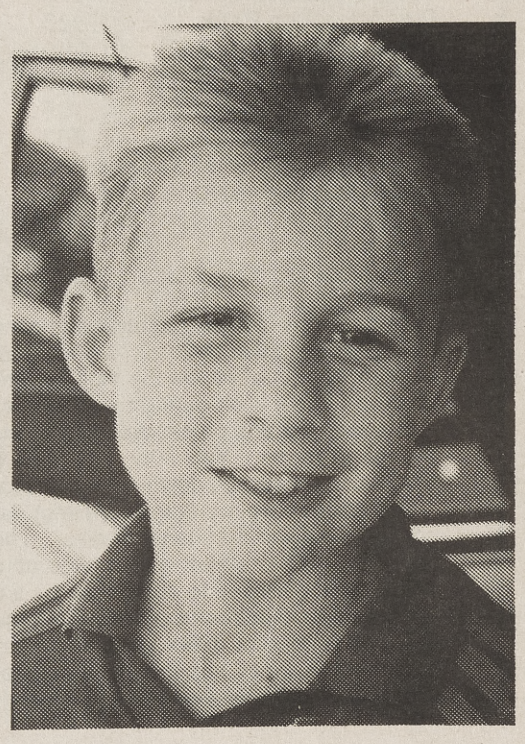
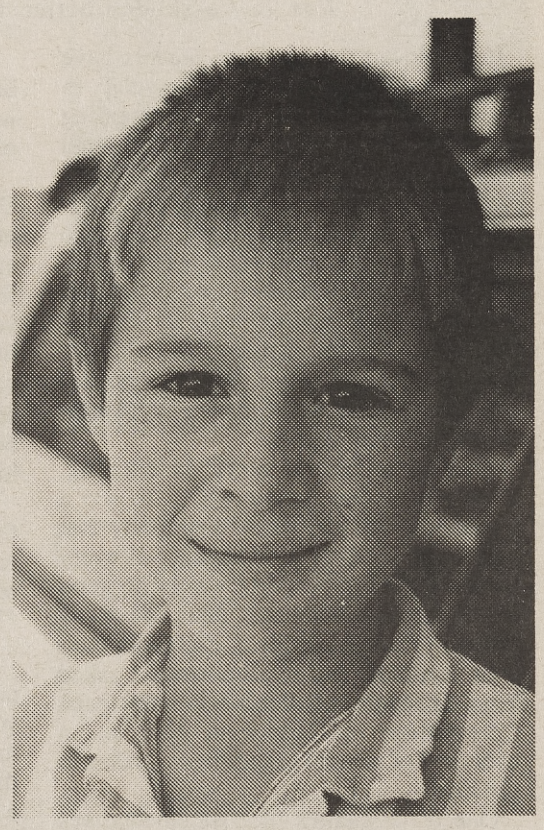


NICHOLAS LEONOFF, 4th Grade, Tularcitos School
I'd like a Dunors 1984 Don Mattingly rookie baseball card. I guess that's all I really want this Christmas.

BROOKE ANDREWS, 6th Grade, Carmel Middle School
I want a computer, maybe an Apple or even an IBM. I want to write stories and play games, and the computer sure would help.



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